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Israelis Seize 2, Kill 6 Guerrillas in Suicide Group

TIBERIAS, Israel, May 23 (AP)—Israeli forces today killed six guerrillas who planned to take hostages near the Sea of Galilee and blow them up unless Israel freed 30 guerrilla prisoners, the military command announced.

Armed with eight automatic rifles, 30 grenades and 32 pounds of explosives, the infiltrators crossed from Syria into Israeli-held territory with orders to "blow up the houses we had captured with the stages and ourselves as well" if necessary, said one of two surviving guerrillas who surrendered to an Israeli patrol.

"If the demands were not met there would be a massacre," the guerrilla told newsmen at an Israeli forward command post on the Golan Heights.

The suicide squad was carrying messages for the ambassadors of Japan, France, Austria and Romania in Tel Aviv to negotiate the prisoner trade. Their targets were the Israeli fishing settlements of Haon and Ein Gev, the military said.

The plot was patterned after last week's attack on the village of Maalot, where 21 teen-agers and five adults were killed. The three guerrillas involved in that raid also were killed.

Interrogation of the captives determined that the gunmen belonged to the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the guerrilla group that mounted the Maalot assault and demanded the release of 23 guerrillas held by Israel, the command said.

"Possibly they were planning to get in touch with me because Kozo Okamoto is in jail here," Japanese Ambassador Kumuhide Kamuro told a newsmen. He referred to the lone survivor of the Japanese suicide squad that killed 26 persons at Tel Aviv's Lod Airport two years ago.

Arab guerrillas who raided Maalot were attempting to negotiate with the French and Israeli governments. The Israeli group, which included 10 teen-agers and 10 adults, was carrying two loudspeakers to bargain for their demands, the guerrillas managed to get about four miles inside an Israeli farming area on the Golan Heights.

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Two Arab guerrillas, one of them blindfolded, await interrogation after their capture by Israelis in Golan Heights.

Document Is Atlantic-Oriented Britain Presents New Draft Of Declaration on NATO Aims

BRUSSELS, May 23 (AP)—The idea for a NATO declaration grew out of the April 1973 suggestion by U. S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger for a "new Atlantic Charter." In September, 1973, the European proposed two declarations to be drawn up—one among the 15 NATO members regarding security issues, and the other among the United States and the Common Market countries covering political and economic affairs.

While talks have continued since then on the NATO draft, work on the U. S.-Common Market declaration was halted in March because of political disputes about its contents.

The sidetracking of this statement caused problems for the proposed NATO declaration.

U.S. Welcomes Draft
WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—The State Department today welcomed the British draft as "positive."

French Air Force Joins NATO Games
PARIS, May 23 (Reuters)—The French Air Force will join the air forces of six NATO countries in a two-week exercise starting tomorrow, officials said here today.

Squadrons of French Mirage-5 jets will take part, along with aircraft from the United States, Britain, West Germany, Canada, Belgium and the Netherlands. France withdrew from the NATO military command structure in 1966, but its armed forces have since occasionally taken part in allied land, sea and air exercises.

Alliance Diplomats in Brussels
Alliance diplomats in Brussels are anxious to see how the new French government will react to the British draft. The new president, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, is believed to be more open than France's previous leaders to strengthening Atlantic ties, but it is also thought that he firmly favors maintaining a European identity in relations with the United States.

Besides the NATO discussions tomorrow, Foreign Ministry officials from the nine Common Market countries will exchange views on the proposed NATO declaration at a meeting in Bonn May 27-28.

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ACCORD — U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon (right) reaches toward the hand of Mikhail Kuzmin, acting Soviet minister of foreign trade, after signing trade communiqué, while Soviet aides smile approval.

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In Senate Panel Suit Court Decides White House Need Not Turn Over 5 Tapes

By Robert Siner

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UPI)—The U.S. Court of Appeals today upheld a lower-court ruling that the White House does not have to turn over five presidential tapes to the Senate Watergate committee.

In a unanimous decision, the seven-judge panel agreed with Judge Gerhard Gesell that the committee had not shown that the tapes were vital to its investigation.

Chief Judge David Bazelon, speaking for the court, noted that the House Judiciary Committee, which is looking into possible impeachment charges against President Nixon, has copies of the tapes and he held that the Senate panel's need for them is now "merely cumulative."

Judge Bazelon added that the April 30 release of transcripts of 31 tapes, including the five demanded by the committee, further obviated the committee's need for the originals.

He found no merit in the committee's argument that the tapes themselves were needed to determine whether portions that were deleted should not have been and to clear up ambiguities in the transcripts. The judge held that the panel's suit "points to no specific legislative decisions that cannot responsibly be made without access to materials uniquely contained in the tapes or without resolution of the ambiguities that the transcripts may contain."

Requested in July
The committee first requested the tapes on July 17, 1973, a day after their existence was revealed in testimony by former White House aide Alexander Butterfield. The White House rejected the request and on July 29 the panel issued a subpoena. The President refused to comply and the committee brought suit.

On Oct. 17, Judge John Sirica dismissed the suit on the grounds that he lacked jurisdiction to rule. The Senate then passed legislation granting jurisdiction to the court and, on Dec. 18, the committee served the subpoena anew.

On Feb. 8, Judge Gesell dismissed the suit, ruling that the committee had not shown that it had a vital need for the tapes that outweighed the need for confidentiality. The ruling was appealed.

The Senate committee's chairman, Sen. Sam Ervin, D-N.C., indicated that he would appeal today's decision to the Supreme Court. The panel is due to issue its final report with legislative recommendations by June 30.

John Doar, the chief counsel for the House Judiciary Committee's inquiry, told newsmen that the edited transcripts made "inadequate and unsatisfactory" evidence.

Mr. Doar said that he had told the panel, which is now meeting in closed session, that "I have concern about their accuracy and about the judgments of the President in deleting material on the grounds of relevance." He urged the committee to return to its demand that the actual tapes of the conversations be provided.

In April, the panel subpoenaed the tapes of 42 Watergate-related conversations. The President responded by releasing 1,300 pages of edited transcript. Yesterday, Mr. Nixon categorically rejected two other committee subpoenas for more tapes and documents.

and added that he would refuse to comply with any future subpoenas.

Mr. Doar said that his distrust of the edited transcripts resulted from a comparison between them and transcripts prepared by the committee staff from tapes in its possession.

"There are enough differences between the White House transcripts and ours," he said, "to make me believe the committee should not rely on the transcripts in a constitutional matter."

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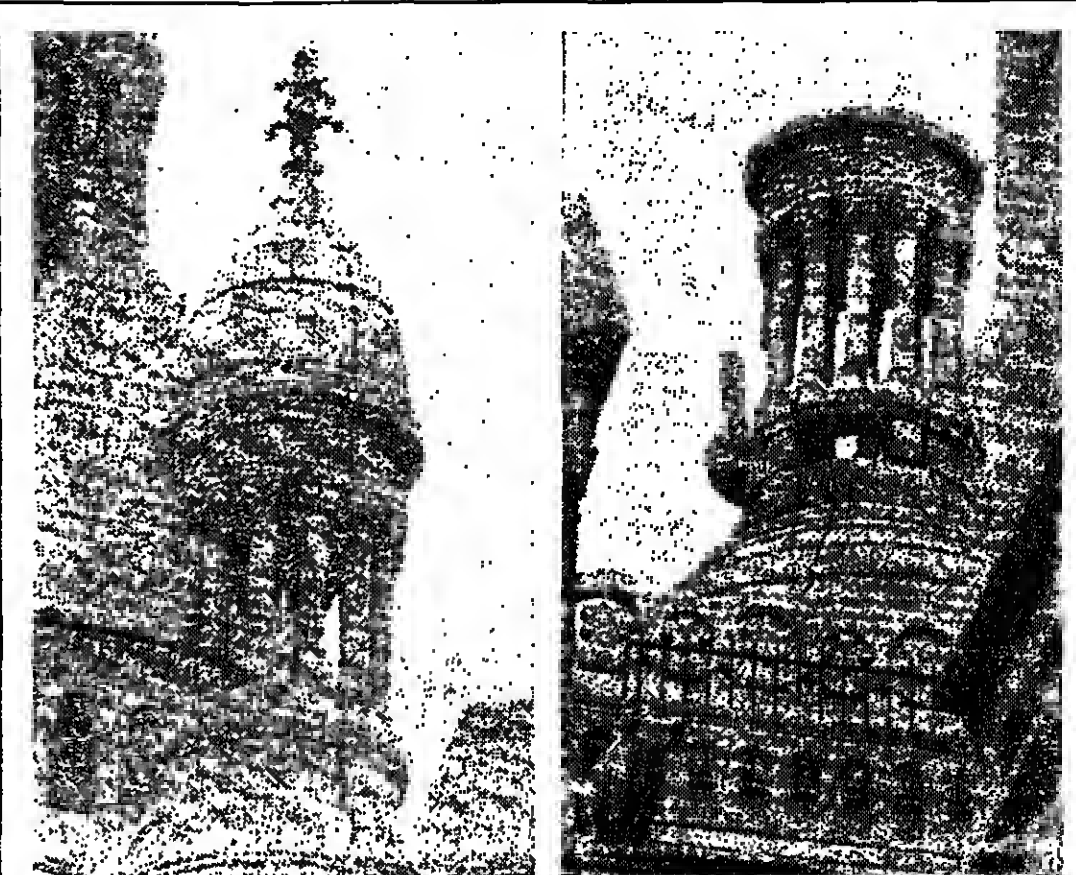
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Sacré Cœur cupola before the explosion (left) and after it was damaged by blast.

Sacré Cœur Cupola Is Damaged by Blast

PARIS, May 23 (AP)—A pre-dawn explosion today damaged a small cupola of the Sacré Cœur Basilica in Paris. An anonymous telephone caller told a French news agency that the blast was meant to protest the election of President-elect Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, but there was no confirmation that the caller was connected with the blast.

There were no casualties in the incident, but half a dozen worshippers inside the basilica were badly frightened. A priest said that they decided not to let the explosion interrupt their prayers.

The basilica is located atop the hill of Montmartre. It is one of the most famous landmarks of Paris. Thousands visit it every year to view the panorama of the city.

The damaged cupola is one of five flanking the main dome of the church, built in neo-Byzantine style. A church official said that the cupola measured about five feet across.

"The material damage is relatively small," the church official said. "The act was obviously symbolic." He said that the church had not been contacted by the perpetrators either before or after the explosion.

The explosion occurred at 3 a.m. Blocks of stone crushed a car parked in the street beneath the dome.

The French news agency Agence France-Presse said that the anonymous caller claimed to represent a group called "Help Yourself and Heaven Will Help You," a previously unknown body.

Seek to Cut Off Gas and Oil

Ulster Protestants Plan to Step Up Strike

By Alvin Shuster

BELFAST, May 23 (UPI)—Leaders of extremist Protestant groups decided today to intensify their protest strike in the campaign to bring down the provincial government here.

Spokesmen for the Ulster Workers Council, which organized the resistance movement now crippling Northern Ireland, said they would step up efforts to

curtail all gasoline and oil delivery except for medical need. "This government will soon break," an organizer said.

The barricades and checkpoints employed to keep workers from their jobs largely disappeared today. But the hard-liners said that such attempts to seal off the city were largely irrelevant now because automobiles would soon be without gasoline.

With the province coming to a standstill—most industry has been shut down—the British government faces a crucial decision on how to avoid total chaos without a possible military confrontation with the well-armed Protestant groups. British leaders and the provincial government have refused to talk with the leaders of the newly formed workers council, which is seeking to force new elections in an effort to supplant the governing coalition of moderate Roman Catholics and Protestants.

Later today, Prime Minister Harold Wilson called an emergency meeting in London tomorrow of the leaders of Northern Ireland's three political parties involved in the provincial executive to discuss the crisis.

Electricity Warning
The Northern Ireland electricity service warned tonight that a shortage of materials could lead to "a complete shutdown" of all power by the weekend. The strikers have limited the flow of electricity to about 30 percent of normal, leading to widespread blackouts.

The workers council, supported by other extremist Protestant organizations, has taken on itself the job of issuing special permits for those who need gasoline, want to open their business or pass any checkpoints. A line again formed outside the headquarters of one of the groups as a mixed crowd of middle-class and

working-class residents sought to obtain the special permission from a man in a garage.

Such activity led Merlyn Rees, secretary of state for Northern Ireland, to accuse the movement's leaders of trying to "set up a provisional government in Northern Ireland, issuing their own ration books." He again insisted that Britain would not yield to blackmail.

Still, the provincial government, with the support of Mr. Rees, made a major concession yesterday to the extremist Protestants by agreeing to water down proposals for an all-Ireland council. The decision, designed in part to undercut support for the extremists by easing Protestant fears of the council, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Wilson Confers A Life Peerage On His Secretary

LONDON, May 23 (Reuters)—Prime Minister Harold Wilson today bestowed a life peerage on his private political secretary, Mrs. Marjorie Williams, one of the figures in a controversial land deal earlier this year.

Mrs. Williams, 41, was on a list of 12 new peers appointed by Mr. Wilson. The title means that she can sit in the House of Lords. But it was announced that she would continue to work in her old secretarial capacity for Mr. Wilson, as she has for the last 18 years.

Mrs. Williams, a powerful behind-the-scenes force during the previous Labor administration, became a key figure in a political storm in April after newspapers reported on a controversial land deal involving her name.

U.S., Russia Plan Agreement On Joint Economic Projects

By Dan Morgan

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UPI)—The United States and the Soviet Union plan to sign a long-term agreement for cooperating in large-scale economic projects in President Nixon goes to Moscow next month, Treasury Secretary William Simon announced yesterday.

In describing the proposed agreement, a U.S. official said its purpose will be to "see how what we produce can fit into their development plans over five-year periods and longer, and vice versa."

U.S. officials believe that American companies can play a major role in Soviet development of natural resources such as chrome, nickel and other minerals. However, because the Soviet Union additionally has been secretive about its long-term planning, these possibilities have been limited.

In discussing the proposal yesterday, officials mentioned as possible example of cooperation the construction of U.S.

aluminum smelters in areas of the Soviet Union where the large quantities of electricity needed are cheaper than here.

"The aim is to match big projects which are mutually beneficial," an official said.

The proposal was announced by Mr. Simon following a two-day meeting here of the U.S.-Soviet Commercial Commission, which was established last year.

At a press conference, Mr. Simon said that the United States was still determined to obtain legislation giving Moscow nondiscriminatory tariff treatment for goods sold here. He said that the United States was also determined to continue to make Export-Import Bank credits available to the Russians when necessary to assist American exporters.

On Tuesday, the bank announced a loan of \$180 million, to be matched by U.S. commercial banks, to finance the sale of fertilizer factory equipment to Russia. With Soviet Foreign Trade Minister Mikhail Kuzmin at his side, Mr. Simon said Wednesday: "There are great

economic benefits from the Russian trade."

The signing of an economic agreement in June would only partly offset Soviet disappointment over its failure to obtain most-favored-nation tariff status from Congress.

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Reports Some Progress

Kissinger Offers U.S. Ideas
To Break Impasse on 2 Issues

TEL AVIV, May 23 (UPI).—Secretary of State Henry Kissinger presented new American ideas to Israel and Syria today to break the deadlock over two key issues blocking a military disengagement. He reported "considerable progress" toward solving the issues.

A high American official said that Mr. Kissinger will decide after talking to Premier Golda Meir tomorrow whether to sub-

mit a concrete American plan to break the deadlock.

Mr. Kissinger will confer at length with the Israeli negotiators tomorrow and return to Damascus tomorrow night or Saturday, the official said.

At Damascus airport after nearly five hours of talks with Syrian President Hafez al-Assad, Mr. Kissinger said that there was "good progress" toward a disengagement agreement.

A high official aboard his plane bound for Israel on the 10th shuttle of Mr. Kissinger's Middle East mission said that progress was made on thinning out of forces on both sides of the Golan Heights cease-fire line and on the number of United Nations troops to be stationed there.

Mr. Kissinger gave a luncheon today in Damascus for Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam and other Syrian officials who participated in the negotiations.

In the toast, Mr. Kissinger described a separation of Israeli and Syrian forces as "a first step" for a "just and permanent peace" in the Middle East.

"It is time that the peoples of the Middle East begin to devote their talents to peaceful pursuits," he said.

Then, referring to his current disengagement effort, Mr. Kissinger said: "It is my judgment that we have made great progress in this negotiation. Even if we should for some reason not complete it in this session we will surely bring it to a successful conclusion in the near future."

Mr. Khaddam, in responding, said the October war against Israel was fought for the sake of a "just peace." He praised Mr. Kissinger's diplomatic efforts, saying "the American secretary should not be surprised when he hears that he is the first responsible American official from whose lips we hear the clear enunciation of the progress of a just and a permanent peace."

Before going to Syria, Mr. Kissinger conferred for 2 1/2 hours with Israeli leaders in a meeting that produced no visible signs of progress.

Israeli Coalition Gives Rabin
A 1-Vote Majority in Knesset

TEL AVIV, May 23 (UPI).—Over the objections of Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, leaders of his dominant Labor party and two junior parties today signed a pact to form a one-vote majority coalition government.

Mr. Rabin was due to report to President Ephraim Katzir tomorrow that he is ready to pick a



A South Vietnamese soldier walks through the ruins of Ben Cat militia base, which was destroyed by the Viet Cong yesterday. Reports said that eight soldiers were killed.

Raid Lasts 30 Minutes

Red Sappers Blast South Vietnam Base

SAIGON, May 23 (AP).—North Vietnamese infiltrators blasted a government base with dynamite today as fighting entered its second week in the Iron Triangle area north of Saigon, field reports said.

Sharp fighting also continued along the central coastal plain near Phu Cat, 270 miles northeast of Saigon. The Saigon command claimed 47 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops were killed in two clashes north and south of Phu Cat, while government losses were one killed and 31 wounded.

Field reports said the Iron Triangle infiltrators attacked before dawn at the Bach Mai artillery base, located on a hilltop 2 1/2 miles southeast of Ben Cat. Ben Cat is 25 miles north of Saigon. The artillery base was

manned by about 300 government militiamen.

The sappers rampaged through a section of the base, tossing dynamite charges and grenades, damaging bunkers and three of four 105-mm howitzers and blowing up an ammunition dump, field reports said.

First reports said at least 11 government soldiers were killed or wounded.

The sappers withdrew after the 30-minute attack, under fire from helicopter gunships and artillery at another base, according to field reports.

The reports said about 100 rocket and mortar shells hit Ben Cat itself from dusk yesterday until noon today, but government casualties were described as light.

South Vietnamese infantrymen and armored vehicles advancing from the south toward Ben Cat reported light fighting with Communist-led forces. The government force is trying to retake three outposts around Ben Cat and the village of An Dien to the west, all lost to the North Vietnamese in the last week. The front of the column was reported about 3 1/2 miles from An Dien.

In Cambodia, the Phnom Penh command said its troops killed 48 Khmer Rouge insurgents in an engagement on the southern defensive line at Isolated Longvek, 35 miles north of Phnom Penh. Government casualties were put at four killed and 23 wounded.

Military sources said that, after a full of more than a week, rebels are pressing close to the compound with its 4,000 government troops and 40,000 civilians.

Thai Troops Quit Laos
VIENTIANE, Laos, May 23 (AP).—Thailand withdrew its last remaining mercenary troops

Giscard Cuts
Protocol for
Installation

PARIS, May 23 (UPI).—France's President-elect, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, has ordered a drastic cutback in protocol for his official installation in office.

They said he has told security and protocol officials:

- He will arrive at the Elysée for Monday's ceremony on foot.
- Guests will wear business suits instead of morning dress.
- Thirty children from the working-class suburb of Courbevoie will be invited.
- Servicemen in everyday uniform will present military honors instead of the Republican Guard in black-and-red uniforms and plumed helmets.

Naming a Cabinet

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing, 48, is scheduled to be officially installed tomorrow of his election. He will be installed in the Elysée Palace Monday, when he will name a prime minister. The new government is expected to be named Tuesday and to hold its first cabinet meeting Wednesday.

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing, who narrowly defeated leftist candidate François Mitterrand in last Sunday's election, was at a private retreat today where he is spending 48 hours for rest and reflection.

His orders for Monday's ceremony, a break with presidential tradition, were telephoned from his private retreat.

Security officials had no comment on Mr. Giscard d'Estaing's decision to make the approximately fifteen-minute walk from the Finance Ministry to the Elysée Palace instead of arriving by motorcade.

from Laos yesterday, ending more than 10 years of direct Thai military involvement in this country, informed diplomatic sources said.

The last Thai soldiers were flown from the former CIA-supported base at Long Cheng in northern Laos aboard an American chartered aircraft, the sources said.

The Thai "volunteer" troops left 13 days ahead of the June 4 deadline for withdrawal of all foreign troops from Laos under the recent peace accords.

Thai mercenaries were first sent to fight in Laos in 1963, following the collapse of this country's second coalition government between the Vientiane government and the pro-Communist Pathet Lao.

At the height of the fighting in Laos several years ago, about 22,000 Thai soldiers were fighting here on behalf of the Royal Lao government.

Russia Warns China of Curbs
On Use of Siberian Rivers

MOSCOW, May 23 (UPI).—The Soviet Union today warned Peking that it would cut off Chinese use of Siberian inland waterways unless China started showing "respect" for Russian rights and territory.

The warning was delivered to Chinese Charge d'Affaires Ma Lieli by the Foreign Ministry. Relations between the two countries have deteriorated steadily since China refused to release a Soviet helicopter and crew held since March 14.

Some diplomats said that the warning appeared directly related to the helicopter incident. But others said the inclusion of the reference to territory may indicate that it relates rather to the larger question of the disputed border.

The warning statement carried by Tass news agency, and by the government newspaper, Izvestia, did not specifically mention the helicopter. Nevertheless, it was the first implicit threat of specific retaliation by the Russians, who earlier this month warned Peking that it would face "the inevitable consequences" if the craft and its three-man crew were not returned immediately. Chinese Ambassador Liu Hsing-chuan was called home for consultations after that warning was issued.

Today's statement said that the Russians "have always received favorably Chinese requests to use the waterways. They connect the Amur and Ussuri Rivers near Khabarovsk and the Chinese use them when the border Kazakhevo stream becomes too shallow for navigation in the summer. "The Soviet side sees no difficulties in the solution of the passage of Chinese vessels. . . . If the Chinese side returns to the positions of respect of the Soviet sovereign rights and territorial integrity of the Soviet Union," the statement added.

It was not immediately clear how many Chinese vessels regularly use the waterways or how much of a hindrance such a ban might constitute.

5 Charged in Italy
With Art Fakery

FLORENCE, May 23 (UPI).—Police arrested five suspects yesterday and seized 22 paintings falsely attributed to masters ranging from Caravaggio to Modigliani.

Officials said the suspects included a Florentine painter and a Genoese art critic who privately published a book containing reproductions of paintings falsely attributed to important artists. The five were charged with art fakery and deceiving the public.

Evidence linked some of the suspects, who were not identified by name, to Naples art critic Alfredo Schettini, who was arrested Friday on charges of authenticating doctored paintings as 19th-century Neapolitan works.

As 'Men of Great Stature'

Lisbon Aide Praises African Rebel

From Wire Dispatches
LISBON, May 23.—Foreign Minister Mario Soares today praised the leaders of the rebel movements in Portugal's three African territories as "men of great stature" and appealed to the white population to accept self-determination.

Mr. Soares, a Socialist who has been the foreign minister in the provisional government set up by the military junta, made the statement on the eve of his departure for London where he will meet Guinea rebel leaders for the first official peace talks in the 13-year-old African bush wars. The Portuguese government is hoping for similar talks soon with the rebels in Mozambique and Angola.

Mr. Soares said the first task was to achieve a cease-fire, and that the future of the three territories will be determined in a referendum.

"Details of the referendum have not been worked out," he told newsmen in an interview.

"One of the primary tasks of the government is to calm the white population there."

"We must tell them that it [self-determination] is in their own interest and for their children's future. It best defends them. We need their cooperation."

The minister then voiced praise for the leaders of the rebel movements—the same men whom the former rightist regime, ousted by an army coup a month ago, had called terrorists and with whom it had refused to deal.

"They are men of great stature," Mr. Soares said, "not only in their own countries, but in the international field."

Meanwhile, two members of the ousted government were taken to a military prison today, apparently opening the way for prosecution and trial.

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U.S. Embassy in Belgium Firing
Two After Years of Stealing

BRUSSELS, May 23 (UPI).—The State Department has quietly fired two employees who systematically stole at least \$41,000 from the U.S. Embassy here, an embassy spokesman said today.

Although the embassy refused to give the names of the men, it said they were long-time employees—30 years or more.

American sources said the total theft over the years could be \$300,000.

The employees, both non-Americans, were dismissed in February after a special State Department audit uncovered six years—possibly more—of "false purchase orders, kickbacks from suppliers and inflated prices" in the embassy's administration department, the spokesman said.

Neither man was prosecuted, the spokesman said, and both will get normal U.S. government pensions. Pensions are revoked only in security cases, he said.

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The minister then voiced praise for the leaders of the rebel movements—the same men whom the former rightist regime, ousted by an army coup a month ago, had called terrorists and with whom it had refused to deal.

Meanwhile, two members of the ousted government were taken to a military prison today, apparently opening the way for prosecution and trial.

The government declined immediate comment on the case of former Interior Minister Cesar Morais Baptista and former Defense Minister Joaquim da Silva Cunha. The two were flown under heavy guard from house arrest on the island of Madeira to Lisbon.

On the labor front, strikes continued to plague the economy. More than 8,400 metal workers

at the Lisnave shipyard ended a weeklong strike for more pay but new strikes erupted at the Renault assembly plant, Standard Electric of Portugal and some textile plants.

The number of workers made idle by strikes in the first week of the government of Premier Adelino da Palma Carlos ranged from 40,000 to 60,000.

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The scandal was believed to be the biggest to come to light at any U.S. embassy during a Nixon administration. It will be investigated soon by a Department hearing in Washington and the men may be asked to pay back "provable loss" from their pensions.

The sources said two men also lost their jobs—a keeper who covered up for burglars and a tempo employee. These men also were non-Americans.

In addition, the sources said two U.S. diplomats were responsible for their subordination misdeeds and lost some rights in the Foreign Service.

The men worked in the embassy's administration section buying supplies for the embassy for the U.S. missions here to European Economic Community and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and for diplomats' homes. Despite the NATO

section, the spokesman said that there was any indication of espionage.

Regular semi-annual audits failed to catch the pilfering, embassy requested a special audit after a tip from a Belgian plier caused it "to suspect several locally hired people involved in irregularities for personal profit," the spokesman said.

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British MPs Vote
To Disclose Own
Financial Affairs

LONDON, May 23 (UPI).—Parliament is voted to force its members to make their financial affairs public.

The House of Commons decided last night in a "free" or non-party vote to establish a compulsory register of its members' business interests.

It also decided to require any Parliament member to state his financial or personal interests during the course of any debate which might touch on these matters.

Parliament acted after a series of corruption scandals at regional government levels, some of which touched members of different governments and members of the House of Commons.

The vote approving the compulsory register was 363 to 108. An all-party committee will be set up to work out the mechanics.

3 at U.S. Base Seized
In Turkish Drugs Case

ISMIT, Turkey, May 23 (UPI).—A U.S. airman and the teenage sons of two other Air Force personnel have been arrested and charged with possession of hashish, police said today.

Police said they found 19 kilos of hashish in the possession of the three men near the Karamursel U. S. Air Force Base, 110 kilometers from Istanbul.

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East Belfast shoppers await the reopening of a supermarket in the strike-bound

The Sooner, the Better

Ford Urges Nixon to Release Data

By Robert Shogan

WASHINGTON, Del. May 23 (AP)—President Ford last night urged that President Nixon turn over any relevant information on the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment probe.

Mr. Ford said, "the sooner the better," throughout the Watergate case.

Mr. Ford's support disclosure was particularly striking because, on the same day, the White

House flatly rejected a Judiciary Committee subpoena for 11 tapes related to the Watergate break-in. It also turned down a committee request for 66 tapes dealing with the controversies over the International Telephone & Telegraph Corporation's anti-trust suit and with dairy-industry contributions to the 1972 Nixon campaign.

Mr. Ford's comments were in response to a question at a Republican fund-raising dinner attended by about 600 persons.

The Vice President reiterated his belief that the President was innocent of any involvement in the Watergate break-in or cover-up. But, he said, "I want the constitutional process to continue as rapidly and with as much evidence as can possibly be made available."

Noting that the President had already turned over to the committee tapes, transcripts and other evidence, Mr. Ford said that this material should first be "accumulated" and "analyzed."

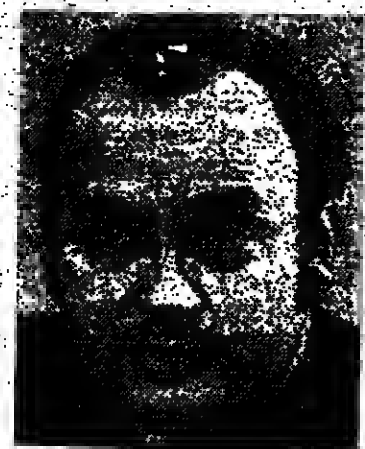
"Then," he said, "if they [the committee] want any more that is relevant to the issue—to the impeachable offense in the Constitution—I hope the President will give it to them—the sooner the better."

"I don't think that when all the evidence is in, they've got a case. I happen to think from all the evidence I've seen that the President is innocent. But let's get it all out there and let the quicker the better, because we've got some problems that ought to be solved."

Earlier in the day at an impromptu press conference in New York, where he was honored as 1974 father of the year, Mr. Ford expressed the hope that the White House would work out a compromise with the special Watergate prosecutor in a dispute over evidence that he is seeking.

The White House has indicated that it will appeal a federal court order to turn over 64 tapes sought by prosecutor Leon Jaworski. Mr. Ford said that if Mr. Jaworski needs more "tape material," I hope there will be some compromise with the White House."

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Rev. John McLaughlin

The Rev. Richard Cleary

Nixon's Jesuit Aide Undecided in 'Prayer, Reflection Period'

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—Jesuit priest on the White House staff who recently defended President Nixon's conduct in the Watergate case said today he had not decided whether to head religious services for the return to Boston for prayer and reflection.

Rev. John McLaughlin, a city special assistant to Mr. Nixon, told a newsman he had received the letter today from the Richard Cleary, provincial of the Jesuit Fathers of New England.

McLaughlin said he had received the letter about an agency, Father McLaughlin said, "I want to study. I want to reflect."

Father Cleary said in Boston yesterday that there is a possibility Father McLaughlin could be asked to leave his White House post or be dismissed from the order. He noted that Father McLaughlin is living in the Watergate apartments in Washington and questioned whether the priest was living up to his vows of poverty and obedience.

Father McLaughlin would not disclose his salary, saying only that it was "a modest, living wage." Other White House aides on the same level are paid about \$35,000 a year.

"Being Used"

Meanwhile, in an interview at Nemi, Italy, the Jesuit superior who gave Father McLaughlin permission to go to Washington said today that Father McLaughlin "is being used by the White House."

The Rev. William Guindon, New England provincial until February of this year, when he took a year-long sabbatical, told the Boston Evening Globe that, when he first gave permission to write speeches for special assistant Raymond Price, I thought it was a good idea. But I wasn't aware of what would happen in 1974."

Argentina's Teachers Stage 1-Day Strike

BUENOS AIRES, May 23 (AP)—More than 200,000 teachers went on a 24-hour nationwide strike today, closing most of Argentina's schools. It was the first such walkout since Juan Peron became President seven months ago.

The Confederation of Education Workers of Argentina, which represents 340,000 teachers, called the strike to demand wage increases, better pension plans and less interference by the state intelligence agency in appointment of teachers. Teachers alleged that the agency objected to appointment of Communists and other leftist teachers.

NICEF Is Told: U.S. Aid for Kids in Vietnam

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 23 (UPI)—The United States said yesterday that its money did not need to be used for aid that United Nations Children's Fund provides for North Vietnam for Communist-controlled areas in the South.

An American decision was passed along to UNICEF's board by the U.S. member, said that it reflected Washington's "deep disappointment" in the Communist authorities' genuine commitment to the Indochina conflict settled last year.

Although the United States is the largest single contributor to UNICEF, Washington's position would not block the agency's work, it will, however, state that the agency use other funding for these specific projects.

Children's fund, which has been providing help on a non-political basis to more than 100 million children in South Vietnam since 1954.

The agency will spend a total of \$44 million during the next two years for aid in Laos, Cambodia, North Vietnam and South Vietnam. About \$18 million will be spent in North Vietnam, mainly to rebuild primary schools and health services for children in Communist-held areas.

South Vietnam, mainly health services for children for shelter. About \$11.3 million will be spent in South Vietnam for health, education and supplies.

000 for Jeroboam

CHICAGO, May 23 (UPI)—A team of 100-year-old Chateau d'Yquem, a red Bordeaux wine, was sold yesterday for \$9,000 to a man sending a Swiss banking syndicate. The sale was at Heublein's national auction of fine

Republicans For Life, Death

EPHRAATA, Wash., May 23 (AP)—It may have been inconsistent, but it was democratic.

At its convention Tuesday, the Grant County Republican party approved a platform supporting both the inalienable right to life as well as a return of the death penalty.

"I guess we can be accused of being inconsistent," said Richard Griffin, county GOP chairman. "We used the democratic process, and that's how it came out."

Hijacker Seizes N.Y. Copter, Is Captured Atop Skyscraper

NEW YORK, May 23 (UPI)—A young man armed with a shotgun hijacked a helicopter from a midtown heliport today and forced the pilot to fly it to the top of the Pan Am Building, where he was overpowered and captured by police.

The pilot was wounded in the arm. Another hostage, believed to be a member of the helicopter ground crew, was unharmed, police said.

The hijacker was subdued after the pilot grappled with him and police stormed the helicopter.

Police identified him as David Frank Kamaka, 23, of New York City.

The hijacker had demanded either \$3 million or \$200,000—the amount was unclear—and ordered it delivered by a young woman in a bikini, police said.

He was armed with a sawed-off shotgun, a small zip gun and three sticks which he said were dynamite, police said. He threatened to blow up the craft unless his demands were met, they added.

N.Y. Medical Suit Wins \$2 Million

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP)—A 12-year-old girl and her parents, who claimed that medical malpractice at Mount Sinai Hospital caused the girl to be severely retarded, were awarded \$2.1 million in a jury trial Tuesday.

It was the second trial in the suit brought by Eugene and Myra Canell in behalf of the daughter, Tracy.

In the first trial, in 1968, the hospital was told to pay \$500,000 in damages, but the verdict was appealed and overturned.

In medical testimony during the new, five-week trial it was claimed that the hospital failed to administer oxygen to the girl after nurses recorded that her lips had turned blue. As a result, according to the testimony, she suffered brain damage, has an intelligence quotient below 30 and must be institutionalized.

U.S. Traffic Deaths Still Below '73 Toll

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—The number of persons killed on U.S. highways was down for the sixth straight month in April and the Department of Transportation estimated today that more than 4,700 lives have been saved since the energy crisis began.

The department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said preliminary death toll figures for April showed 3,444 persons were killed this year, compared with 4,448 in April last year.

Dr. James Gregory, the agency administrator, said he believes the reduced fatalities were the result of lowered speed limits and of changes in driving habits as well as decreased amounts of driving.

Fire Fights Fire Fighters

WINCHESTER, England, May 23 (UPI)—Firemen battling a grass fire lost their engine yesterday when the wind veered, sending the blaze back onto the vehicle.

From Wall Street

A spokesman at the Wall Street Helicopter said the hijacking began there, with the craft first flying to Belmont Park on Long Island and then returning to Manhattan's 34th Street Heliport to refuel.

Officials there said the helicopter touched down but stayed only without refueling. It then headed for the Pan Am Building.

Police said the hijacker, when officers asked where he was from, said, "Jerusalem."

Police took the hijacker from the roof of the building to the Skyway Lounge, where he spoke quietly with officers. He wore a zippered sweat shirt that carried the words "NYU Track."



BACK TO NATURE—A member of an Indian group prepares dinner at Eagle Bay, N.Y., in the Adirondacks, where they have taken over a piece of land. The state says it will seek a court order to oust them.

House Panel Votes to Close Some Common Tax Loopholes

By Peter Milius

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UPI)—The House Ways and Means Committee has tentatively decided to close about \$2 billion worth of the country's most familiar tax loopholes—those primarily used, not by big corporations and the rich, but by the average taxpayer who handles his deductions.

Under this "tax simplification," a taxpayer could no longer:

- Deduct state gasoline taxes.
- Exclude his first \$100 in dividends.
- Deduct any medical-insurance premiums (he can now deduct them up to \$150).
- Deduct the first \$200 of union dues or other "production-of-income" expenses (he can now deduct all such outlays); the committee would only let him deduct the excess over \$200.

In addition, the committee has voted to tighten the rules governing deduction of medical expenses and prescription costs and to limit deductions for the business use of a home or for second "vacation homes."

The committee, which has been deluged with letters of complaint over the proposals, has indicated that it intends to "give back" the estimated \$2 billion a year that would be generated by wiping out all these provisions.

Members of the staff say several means of giving back the money are under consideration. Among them are an across-the-board tax-rate reduction; increasing the standard deduction available to taxpayers who do not itemize; and allowing all taxpayers who itemize to take one general "miscellaneous" deduction to make up for the various specific deductions taken away.

These proposals are different, in both motivation and effect, from the tax-cut provisions pending in the Senate. The main Senate proposal would raise the \$750 personal exemption every taxpayer is entitled to take for himself and each dependent. It is intended to lower the net total of taxes paid, thus leaving consumers with more to spend and stimulating the economy.

Part of Reform Bill

The "tax simplification" proposals are based in part on suggestions made by the Nixon administration last year. The committee has made them part of a general tax-reform bill on which it does not expect to finish work until about midyear. The bill, if passed by the House, would then go to the Senate and chances of final passage before Congress adjourns in the summer are unsure.

Under present law, taxpayers can deduct medical expenses in excess of 3 percent of their adjusted gross incomes and prescription costs in excess of 1 percent. The committee would lump the two and allow deductions only when the total exceeds 5 percent.

The committee would allow deductions for the business use of a taxpayer's home only if he were self-employed or used his home for business as a condition of his

U.S. Army Investigates Shooting in Germany

HEIDELBERG, West Germany, May 23 (AP)—The U.S. Army said that it is investigating an American soldier's fatal shooting of a West German soldier and wounding of another Monday at the West German Army's Von Selenen Caserma in Remau, Bavaria.

"An American soldier with the 37th Engineer Battalion fired the shot from a truck he was riding in, unaware that the M-16 rifle was loaded," a spokesman at the U.S. Army's European headquarters here said. The two German soldiers reportedly were 150 yards from the truck, the spokesman added.

U.K. Study Chief Says Pill Not 'Acquitted'

By Morton Mintz

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UPI)—The organizer of a new British study on oral contraceptives yesterday rejected a statement that the study "acquitted" the drugs of "most of the serious side-effect charges" against them.

"It's an exaggeration," Dr. Clifford Kay said of the "acquitted" statement, which was made in a Reuters article (LHT, May 22).

The study "in fact confirmed most of the serious side effects," Dr. Kay said in London in a telephone interview.

In a related development in Washington, three government scientists who have reviewed the study said that even Dr. Kay and his colleagues in the Royal College of General Practitioners had drawn conclusions more "rosy" than were warranted by their own data.

Preliminary Results

Preliminary results of the study, the largest of its kind, were disclosed by the college at a news conference in London on Tuesday. It involved 40,000 women, was begun by 1,400 general practitioners in 1968 and will continue to 1976.

Half the women began using birth-control pills. The women in the half that did not were matched with the users for age and marital status. Other factors, such as socio-economic status and number of children, were "allowed for," in Dr. Kay's phrase.

The physicians kept case histories on the users and the controls and knew, because the British medical system assures it, when any of the women were treated by medical specialists. The design and execution of the study were praised here in a telephone interview, by Dr. Philip Corfman, the Director of the Center for Population Research of the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development.

The serious side-effects, said by Dr. Kay to have been confirmed, were strokes and other sometimes disabling or fatal blood-clotting diseases. In pill-users, these diseases occurred at rates five or six times higher than in nonusers, he said.

Small Number

Because the number of victims was small, Dr. Kay said, the findings could not be said to contradict previous British investigations which, in 1968, established the higher risks of clotting from the pills. There were 13 fatalities a year among 100,000 pill-users, compared with 0.2 among nonusers, in the 20-to-34 age group, and 3.9 fatalities a year among users against 0.5 for nonusers in

the 35-to-44 age range. The annual rate of hospitalizations for pill-users in the 20-to-44 age group was 47 per 100,000, compared with 5 for nonusers.

The Royal College concluded from its study that the overall "estimated risk at the present time of using the pill is one that a properly informed woman should be happy to take."

At the Center for Population Research here, Dr. Corfman and two colleagues, statistician Daniel Seigel and physician Heinz Eberhard, were most troubled by this conclusion.

"While it is evident that there are disadvantages associated with the oral contraceptives, the risk of serious effects is small, and the benefits to be expected from the associated reduction in menstrual disorders, iron deficiency anemia and fibro-adenosis (benign tumor) of the breast, are worthy of careful consideration," Dr. Corfman made these points:

- The data do not permit reliable analysis of certain risks, particularly cervical cancer, the long-term consequences of elevated blood pressure, liver tumors and diabetic effects.
- The conclusion in question

"seems to balance rather serious events, such as strokes, against rather trivial events, such as menstrual disorders."

• "As usual," alternative methods of contraception were "left out."

Mr. Seigel said of Dr. Kay, "He comes out of that as if there's no problem with the pill. I don't see how he can do that." Mr. Seigel termed the conclusion "a disservice to his study."

At the same time, Mr. Seigel and Dr. Corfman praised the study itself as "excellent" in design with "remarkably well-examined and well-coordinated" data.

In the telephone interview, Dr. Kay said that the study, while confirming serious adverse effects, indicated them to be "rare. And when considered in the context of the vast majority of illnesses in which the pill had no effect, and the small but quite important number of illnesses in which the pill had a beneficial effect, we believe that the risks can be seen to be acceptable, considering the important advantages of the pill as a contraceptive," he said.

"We did discount some minor effects which are supposedly due to the pill—depression, vaginal discharge, headache and migraine, and probably—were not surprising of libido or sex drive," Dr. Kay said.

Relatives in U.S. Differ on Status Of Missing GIs

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—Almost 18 months after the signing of the Vietnam peace accord, about 1,070 American military men are still listed as missing in action.

But although some relatives—particularly wives anxious to be legally free to start their lives anew—would prefer their missing menfolk declared officially dead, others have a financial reason to prefer the status quo, Defense Department officials said.

Each month, the Pentagon sends out checks for more than \$2 million to wives and dependents of the missing.

There are also a few women, the officials point out, whose husbands' service records are nearing 20 years. They hope that an official declaration of death will be delayed for after 20 years a widow is entitled to full retirement benefits, usually 55 percent of what her husband's retirement pay would have been.

Further complicating the situation is a recent federal court decision which requires that each family be offered the chance to take part in the investigation of whether there is enough evidence to declare the missing man dead.

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U.S. Increases Aid to Veteran Who Asked Amputation of Leg

JUPITER, Fla., May 23 (AP).—An unemployed, disabled Vietnam veteran who wanted his leg amputated so he could work without pain got a job offer yesterday along with a major boost in his disability payments.

Pat Hogan, a spokesman for the Veterans Administration in Atlanta, said Donald Dagenhart's 100 percent temporary disability rating would be reinstated, raising his monthly payments from \$77 to \$548.

He said that pain and infection made it impossible for him to hold a job, and his VA disability rating of 30 percent provided him with only \$77 a month.

Since Monday, Mr. Dagenhart, his wife, Ann, and their infant son have received more than \$2,000 in cash, three offers of free housing and many offers of clothing and food.

Palm Beach County officials offered Mr. Dagenhart a desk job and were looking at available openings to see which would be most suitable.

Mr. Hogan said that the disability reinstatement provides monthly payments of \$548 through June 30 and an additional \$943 to cover the period since Mr. Dagenhart's last convalescent rating expired.

Meanwhile, Mr. Hogan said, "the veteran's claim file has been sent to VA headquarters in Washington for top-level review in determining what his permanent disability rating should be."



Donald Dagenhart talks with doctor at Miami hospital.

Mr. Hogan said "the last resort measure of leg amputation was found unwarranted by VA doctors," and that decision was re-

House Refuses to Increase or Cut Arms Aid to Vietnam

By Mary Russell

WASHINGTON, May 23 (WP).—The House yesterday voted to hold military assistance for South Vietnam at present levels and to leave intact U.S. troop strength abroad and funding for the Trident nuclear submarine and the controversial B-1 supersonic bomber.

The level of aid was considerably below the administration's request and \$800 million below the House Armed Services Committee's recommendation.

The House authorized \$1.126 billion in military aid for Vietnam—the same amount as last year. The administration had requested \$1.6 billion, the committee had authorized \$1.4 billion and liberals had sought to reduce the amount to the \$900-million level authorized by the Senate Armed Services Committee.

But in a bit of horse trading on the floor, the chairman of the House committee, Edward Hebert, D-La., offered to substitute the \$1.126-billion figure for the \$800-million proposal put be-

fore the House through an amendment by Rep. Robert Leggett, D-Calif.

Rep. Leggett then tried to lower the \$1.126-billion figure to an even \$1 billion but lost on a 211-to-190 vote.

Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger made a strong plea Tuesday for increased aid, saying that it was unworthy of the United States to punish South Vietnam retroactively because of American disaffection with the war there.

But Rep. Robert Glaimo, D-Conn., argued that it was important in principle for Congress to stop "giving a blank check" to the Defense Department on military aid to Vietnam. He added that a cut would also send the Vietnamese a message that they should make an effort to abide by the Paris cease-fire agreement and work out an end to the conflict.

Rep. Leggett said he did not approve "pulling the plug" on the South Vietnamese, but that the United States should show some restraint in supporting them. He

has said there will not be a political settlement in Vietnam if the United States continues to pour money into the military operation.

While the White House was in a mood to make some cuts in the defense budget, a powerful coalition of Republican and Conservative Democrats rejected any reduction of troop levels abroad or of funds for specific programs.

Amendment Loses
An amendment by the majority leader, Thomas O'Neill, D-Mass., to reduce troop levels overseas by 100,000 men during an 18-month period was rejected by 163 to 240. Rep. O'Neill's amendment would have left it up to the secretary of defense to decide where the troop cuts should be made.

Rep. O'Neill argued that it would cost \$23 billion next year to maintain the 435,000 troops stationed on foreign soil. He said bringing 100,000 troops home would save more than \$1 billion.

But opponents of the troop cut argued that it would weaken the

allied position in the mutual balanced force reduction talks now going on in Vienna with Warsaw Pact nations. Rep. Hebert read a telegram from Secretary of State Henry Kissinger which said a unilateral reduction of U.S. troops in Europe at this time "would be useful to no one but the Soviets."

Forces in Asia
If the 100,000 were withdrawn from Asia, Mr. Kissinger said, would virtually deplete troop strength in Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines and leave the United States "totally dependent on the Seventh Fleet in that area."

The House also defeated, 209-94, an amendment by Rep. O. Pike, D-N.Y., to cut out funds for the B-1 supersonic bomber. It would have cut \$1 billion from the last year by \$1 billion, or \$300 million a month and that one plane formerly cost \$70 million but would now cost \$150 million.

Rep. Pike would have deleted all of the \$429 million request for continued development of the bomber.

Thailand Holds Swiss In Zurich Bank Fraud

BANGKOK, May 23 (AP).—Police have arrested Swiss banker René Lins on charges of fraud following a request by Swiss police for his extradition, it was reported.

They said that the Swiss charges were lodged in connection with his role as director of the Zurich Atlas Bank. Mr. Lins will be held under house arrest, they said.

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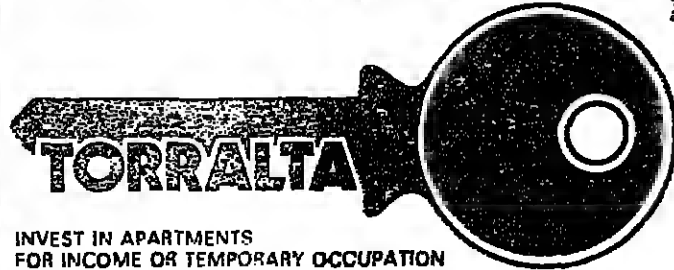
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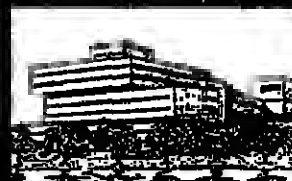
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India, Reacting to Criticisms, Rejects War Use of A-Power

By Bernard Weinraub

NEW DELHI, May 23 (UPI)—India's Defense Minister, Jagannath Prasad Saxena, today ruled out the use of nuclear military weapons, saying that the nation would develop its new technology solely for peaceful purposes.

The minister said that Pakistan's "overreaction" to India's nuclear test had expressed the hope that the underground of Pakistan would not damage relations with the United States.

Official sources revealed today at Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's written to Prime Minister Shrikrishna All Bhutto of Pakistan, assuring him of India's peaceful intentions.

"Mrs. Gandhi was reported to have told Mr. Bhutto that his own country had not been able to develop nuclear weapons, and that Pakistan was 'completely unprepared'."

In an interview, Mr. Ram expressed surprise at the "adverse comments" of several nations as well as American and European newspapers. Why should there be this kind of reaction? he asked. "We are doing this for peaceful purposes and not for military uses."

"The armed forces know this is not for their use," he said. "It is only for peaceful uses, for mining, for oil prospecting, for finding underground water. It is for scientific and technological knowledge."

Asked about reports here that the underground test was timed to coincide with the 25th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Mr. Ram broke to a laugh. "It's all humbug," he said.

The defense minister said that a Pakistani government was acting "in the extreme" because India's 10-kiloton to 15-kiloton test. "I don't see any justification for what they're saying," he said.

Pakistan has said that the Indian test was "nuclear blackmail" and a threat to the nation's security. The Pakistanis say that they will ask the United States for nuclear protection.

Asked when the government made the decision to carry out nuclear explosion, Mr. Ram replied: "Scientists were asked to examine it in 1971. The members of Parliament attached to the Atomic Energy Department—its parliamentary consultative committee—had urged the prime minister to expedite efforts to develop nuclear energy for peaceful uses and other engineering projects."

Mr. Ram brushed aside questions, however, on when the government actually decided to set off the underground blast. "Our scientists were engaged in it and it was not good to prevent them."

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The stunned airport staff returned the man—still naked—to his dormitory in a hastily summoned car, and some time later another car arrived with his clothes.

Peking Reports New Variation On Streaking

PEKING, May 23 (Reuters). An African student has streaked from Peking center to the airport—a distance of 16 miles—on a bicycle, according to reliable sources here.

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Soviet Dissidents Paper Devoted to Plight of Tatars

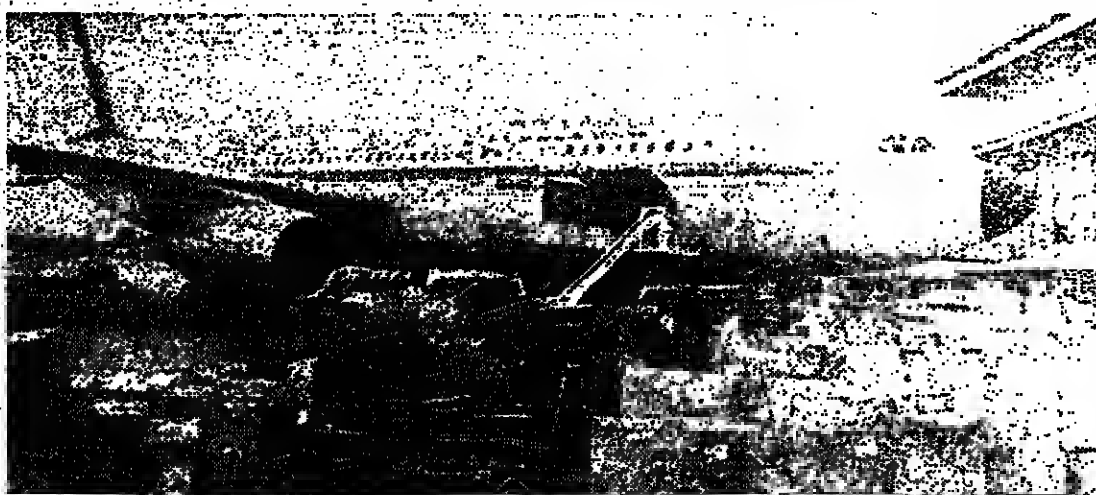
MOSCOW, May 23 (AP)—demonstrating their determination to keep the clandestine Chronicle of Current Events alive, Russian dissidents yesterday circulated the 31st issue, marking the 20th anniversary of the deportation of the Crimean Tatars.

The latest number, dated May 9, is the fourth to appear in no less than 18 months, although the Chronicle's regular anonymous authors, contributors and distributors were the target of a nationwide operation by the secret police.

Unlike previous issues, Chronicle No. 31 is devoted to a single topic: The plight of the thousands of Tatars exiled to the steppes of Central Asia by Stalin's police on the night of May 18-19, 1944. Stalin claimed at the time that they collaborated with the Nazis.

Despite their official rehabilitation in 1957, the Tatars have been denied permission to return to Crimea. They have since become one of the most persecuted ethnic groups in this country demanding the right to where they choose.

All-Plastic Warship
KARLSKRONA, Sweden, May 23 (Reuters).—The world's first plastic warship—the mine-sweeper Viksten—has been launched in the state shipyard here. It will be delivered to the navy at month, it was announced.



Big Step in European Cooperation

Airbus Makes Debut, on Paris-London Route

By Alan Tiller

PARIS, May 23 (UPI)—There were 231 passengers on Air France Flight No. 810 from Paris to London Heathrow Airport today, but it was as if 14,000 Europeans were going along, too.

The flight, the first commercial hop of the A-300B2 Airbus, represented the successful conclusion of one of Europe's most ambitious technological joint efforts.

The 14,000 workers from the aircraft industries of five countries, had collaborated for almost five years to produce the Airbus, which made the midday, cross-Channel hop on Europe's busiest airline. The route is traveled by 1.6 million passengers a year.

The Airbus is a wide-bodied, medium-range jet on which \$800 million in development costs was spent.

The twin-engine aircraft is comfortable and quiet. Perhaps most important for Europe's intercity businessmen, the jet has been designed to allow medium-sized suitcases in the cabin, thus doing away with the surreptitious carrying of oversized "hand luggage."

Comments by passengers after Flight No. 810 touched down were favorable. Mentioned were the ample leg room and the low noise level. Miss Dowdall Brown of the British high commissioner's office in New Delhi said the flight was "fabulous, just like a 747."

The plane has a French nose, a West German center-fuselage section, British wings, Dutch wing flaps, and the tail is partly Spanish-made.

The parts, manufactured by Aerospatiale of France, Deutsche Airbus of West Germany, Fokker-VFW of the Netherlands, Hawker-Siddeley Group, Ltd., of Britain and Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A., of Spain, were sent to France for assembly.

Initially, Airbus parts were shipped to France by road and rail. The purchase of a huge U.S.-made Super Guppy cargo plane enabled the airlifting of components made in Manchester, England; Hamburg; Bremen; West Germany; Munich; Seville, Spain; Nantes, France, and Saint-Nazaire, France.

The preliminary assembly of the central part of the fuselage was done at Saint-Nazaire and the final assembly at Aerospatiale's main line at Toulouse, where the Concorde also is assembled.

The Toulouse work force became increasingly international as the plane took shape. French airframe workers were joined by a large contingent from Hamburg. Hawker-Siddeley technicians and specialists from the Netherlands and Spain.

Intensive audio-visual courses helped overcome language barriers. The whole project was supervised by an essentially Franco-German management team of the supranational corporation, Airbus Industrie. Most of the development capital was put up by the French and West German governments.

The inspiration for the plane was that of Henri Ziegler, long-time head of France's largest aircraft manufacturer, Sud-Aviation, makers of the Caravelle jet. Sud-Aviation was taken over by nationalized Aerospatiale. Mr. Ziegler, who heads Airbus Industrie, said last night:

"Our success in building Airbus from scratch in under five years stems from realization that it is disastrous to try and build aircraft by committee." He praised centralized management and clearly defined areas of responsibility.

The project director is Frenchman Roger Betetle. A former Hawker-Siddeley executive said of Mr. Ziegler: "He never lost his temper and he really got things done. He brought out the best in everyone and helped create an atmosphere in which all five nationalities made sure that their national part was on time and on cost."

The question remains whether the Airbus will be a commercial success in addition to a technological one. So far there are 47 firm orders and options.

Six orders were placed by Air France, 3 by Lufthansa, 4 by Iberia, one each for Swiss and Belgian charter companies, and 2 just last week by Thai Airways International, making 17. This week, an Airbus was engaged in a Far Eastern sales tour and it is likely that Korean Air Lines will take 6.

A Brazilian airline is also expected to take two. Air France has options for ten.

Paris Memorial Service
PARIS, May 23 (UPI)—The 57th annual Memorial Day service in memory of the dead of the two world wars and in united prayer for world peace, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the American Cathedral, 23 Avenue George V, Paris.

Lufthansa for 2 Iberia for 8 and a Danish charter line, Sterling, for 3.

There is a financing problem to be overcome before sales can reach 300—the break-even point. The financing is in the hands of a group of banks headed by Credit Lyonnais, the Banque Paribas du Commerce Exterior and the West German Dresdner Bank.

A French aircraft-industry source commented: "We could have sold 100 Airbuses by now if we had the American Ex-Im Bank behind us."

Mr. Ziegler said: "The financing is more complex than for American companies like Boeing, Douglas and Lockheed. There is no centralized Ex-Im type of bank in Europe, but some headway is being made in arranging buyers' credit."

Another question concerns the attitude of British Airways, which has ordered American Lockheed

Tri-Stars because of their Rolls Royce engines (the Airbus has General Electric turbo fans).

It is hoped that a more powerful version of the Rolls Royce RB-211 engine now being developed can be used by the Airbus and so win major British orders.

Mr. Ziegler and his team are working on designs for a 300-seat RB-211-powered Airbus, part of his policy to make the Airbus flexible. Seating can be increased in the charter version to 345.

Its makers claim it is not only the quietest of the big jets, but also that its fuel consumption is 25 percent lower than other medium-range carriers. At \$15 million, Airbus is a few million dollars cheaper than the Tri-Star.

In addition to the twice daily Paris-London run, Air France plans to introduce the Airbus on the Paris-Nice route starting June 15 and the Paris-Marseille-Algiers run later next month.

Review Prints Excerpted Section

Novel Praising Stalin Appears in Moscow

By Robert G. Kaiser

MOSCOW, May 23 (UPI)—A new novel about Joseph Stalin, containing a glowing portrait of the Soviet leader, appeared today in a Moscow literary magazine.

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of Stalin's portrait has come too far. For example, he had seen Stalin's last-minute exhibition of Rembrandt paintings.

"Is it really there?" Stalin asked, and he became gloomy. "Fools. Among the intelligentsia there are people who don't join our ranks right away. Some of them try to prove their devotion to Soviet power with doublets."

In another passage Mr. Stadnyuk reverts to the recent past of Stalin's own era in describing the dictator sitting at his desk, drawing his first wartime speech to the nation while gazing at a portrait of himself.

"Yes, in the picture he breathes with immortality. Stalin himself thought that he was just how he looked when he sat at his desk with a pen in his hand, young looking into the recesses of his own knowledge, freely and generously, building obedient thoughts, giving them energy, determining new basic principles and connections between comprehensive scientific ideas and practical realities."

Mr. Stadnyuk blames the disastrous losses of the first days of the war largely on Gen. D.G. Pavlov, commander of the western front, who was shot July 1941 as a traitor. In other passages of war strategy, Mr. Stadnyuk is pictured as thoughtful and incisive, whereas the memoirs of Soviet generals depict that Moscow's leadership was in utter disarray at the beginning of the war.

Mr. Stadnyuk devotes two different passages to sympathetic depictions of Stalin's personality. In one, he describes a discussion between Stalin and a German anti-Fascist writer who is a devotee of the dictator, why it is necessary to display his portrait everywhere.

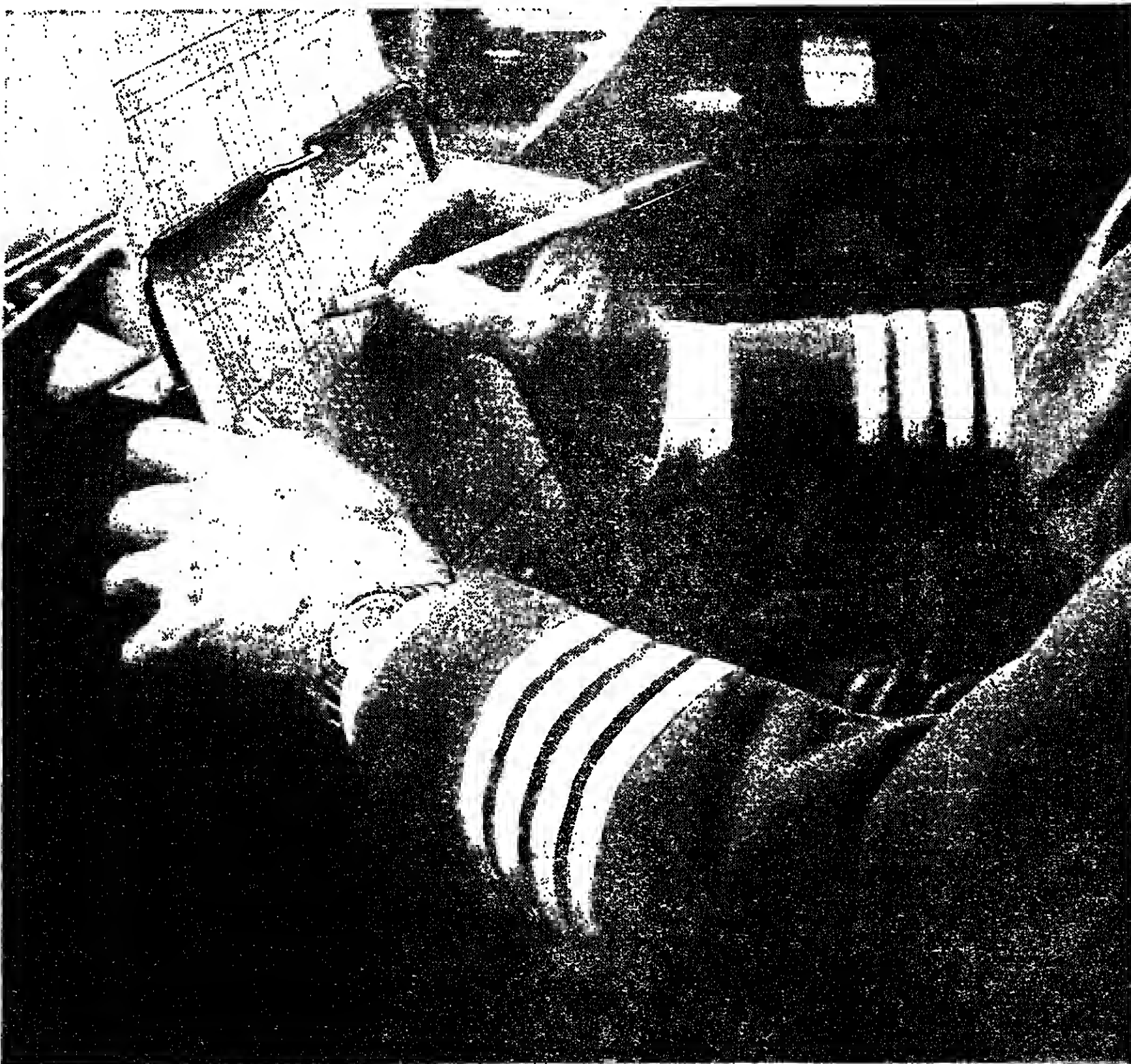
"In 1941 Stalin replied: 'What can I do? Peasants are like that. When they love, they love intensely. When they hate, they go to the barricades.'"

Then he explains that he sees the portrait as symbol of the nation's effort "for those ideas for which Stalin struggles, at Lenin's behest."

The German says that is understandable, but sometimes the use

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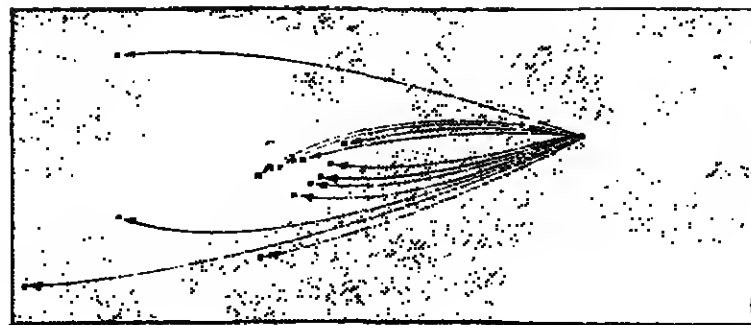


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Watergate: Unhappy Anniversary

The President has an odd way of celebrating Watergate anniversaries. Wednesday marked the passage of one full year since Mr. Nixon issued his compendious statement of May 22, 1973, promising to make available all relevant information on the complex of scandals that go by the name of Watergate. He chose to commemorate the occasion by informing the House Judiciary Committee, which is conducting impeachment hearings and which has—if anything—a larger and stronger claim on relevant evidence than the other bodies of inquiry do, that he would decline to produce any further Watergate tapes requested or subpoenaed by it. The full story of Watergate and of his own involvement in it, Mr. Nixon advised the committee, reposes in the White House materials already in the committee's hands.

In more ways than one, that is an interesting assertion. It not only confirms that the President is prepared to defy the committee's requests for material it deems necessary to conducting its inquiry. It also confirms that there is no better documentary case for Mr. Nixon to make concerning his own role in the cover-up than that which can be made (if it can) from the highly incriminating documents and tapes now in the committee's possession. May 22, 1974, was a leak day for those who still held out hope that somewhere, somehow, the President could come forward with persuasive exculpatory evidence. Apparently there is none.

Although we believe that Mr. Nixon's outright defiance of Congress in this matter is as unconstitutional as it is unwise, it does occur to us that he has a point in his assertion that more than enough is now known for the committee to act—never mind that it isn't the point he was seeking to make. For the plain fact is that both the magnitude of the shocks and revelations of the past year and the complicated legal disputes the President has promoted and prolonged with Congress and the courts have combined to distract people from what they already know. They have given the whole sorry affair the aspect of a continuing, if not interminable, Grade B thriller, as distinct from the aspect of a body of confirmed information which is, in itself, more than sufficient to require a public response. The question, in other words, is not so much "What is going to happen next?" or "What will we learn about tomorrow?" but rather, "What do we already know?"

Think about it: We know plenty. We know that the President's best defense throughout—and it is a terrible defense—is that he so mismanaged the conduct of his office that he was unaware that his aides were authorizing common burglaries, were forging State Department cables, were perjurying themselves before federal prosecutors and grand juries, were paying blackmail money to criminals to buy silence about the White House's own involvement in their crimes, were systematically seeking to politicize and pervert the allegedly apolitical agencies of government (the CIA, the IRS, the FBI, among others) for the sake of wreaking personal vengeance on institutions and individuals they considered enemies.

We know that the President, on the eve of the sentencing of the originally convicted Watergate conspirators, learned that their trial had been skewed by perjured testimony and failed to so inform the judge.

We know that the President has repeatedly

and systematically misled the American public in his statements "from the heart" on this matter, telling them things he knew to be untrue.

We know that six of his former aides have been sentenced to terms in federal penitentiaries.

We know that his appointees have conspired to destroy evidence in criminal cases.

We know that the man he twice selected to be his Vice-President has been convicted of a felony, forced to resign office and disbarred from the practice of law.

We know that the President—a great scourge of "welfare cheating"—was found to be almost half a million dollars light on his federal income tax.

We know that indictments are now outstanding and trials awaited for his closest White House associates and onetime most powerful deputies for a series of alleged criminal acts. We know that he has, while claiming all the protections and safeguards accorded an ordinary citizen in trouble with the law, simultaneously and shamelessly utilized the great and unique powers of the presidency not only to argue his own case (falsely) but to protect himself from scrutiny by the Congress or the courts. He declines to honor subpoenas. He fires the special prosecutor he has promised to give full rein when that prosecutor appears to be getting warm. And now he tells us, in the course of telling the House Judiciary Committee, that he is only doing these recalcitrant things to protect "future" presidents. We think the evidence is overwhelming that he is, on the contrary, trying only to protect this one.

Presumably the members of the House Judiciary Committee and those legislators outside the committee who have authorized its inquiry will seek some further action on the materials Mr. Nixon has now declined to furnish. And presumably, too, his defiance of the committee will be added to the list of Constitution-bending offenses for which he, as President, is responsible. But we would hope that the committee would not permit itself to be drawn into a prolonged and diverting dispute over the production of this evidence to the exclusion of its responsibility to continue and conclude its inquiry as quickly and carefully as possible. The American people know plenty—and the members of the House Judiciary Committee know even more. A variety of charges against Mr. Agnew were never fully adjudicated because he preferred that they not be, and the same may be true of certain of the charges against Mr. Nixon because he too has now indicated that he will not risk orderly and complete adjudication in a single body that is empowered to consider his case—namely, the United States Congress. Mr. Agnew copped a plea. Mr. Nixon is merely refusing, in the name of his office—or what remains of it—to let the full information come to light.

People have been, in our view, exceptionally patient so far, and that is especially true of the legislators themselves. And they have also been exceptionally judicious and restrained. But it seems to us that, by this latest act of evasion and contempt, the President has released everyone from the injunction against drawing inferences from his refusal to produce subpoenaed evidence. And if he will not cooperate—so be it: The House will have to proceed without him on the basis of what it now knows.

THE WASHINGTON POST.

17th-Century Ulster

Militant sectarianism, which British Prime Minister Wilson has rightly described as something "out of the 17th century," once more threatens to engulf Northern Ireland in bloody strife.

This time it is the hard-line Protestants who are attempting to turn back the clock in Ulster through a general strike. Their aim is to reverse the hopeful healing process that was initiated last year when moderate Protestant and Catholic leaders agreed to share power in Belfast and to open a new era of cooperation with the neighboring Irish Republic through an All-Ireland Council.

In the face of this potentially devastating challenge, the British government has no

alternative but to stand fast behind the compromise agreement it helped to promote after years of bloodshed and laborious negotiation.

To yield to the Protestant extremists' demands would be to play directly into the hands of the equally extreme Catholic lunatic fringe, and to sacrifice the hard-won confidence of the substantial Catholic minority in Ulster who, alongside the Protestant moderates, are ready to accept the compromise. It would be to surrender the province to the tyranny of bigotry once again from both extremes and to almost certain civil war.

THE NEW YORK TIMES.

International Opinion

Israeli-Syrian Negotiations

What is surprising, and in a sense encouraging, is that the [Israeli-Syrian] negotiations should have been so little affected by the appalling drama at Maalot last week, which appeared calculated to upset it, and also by the savage Israeli reprisals against

Lebanon which, though not perhaps on the same level of cynical and amoral cruelty, have nonetheless resulted in many more deaths than the Maalot tragedy itself and have probably sown the seeds of terrorism in the minds of yet more Palestinian refugees.

—From the Times (London).

In the International Edition

Seventy-Five Years Ago

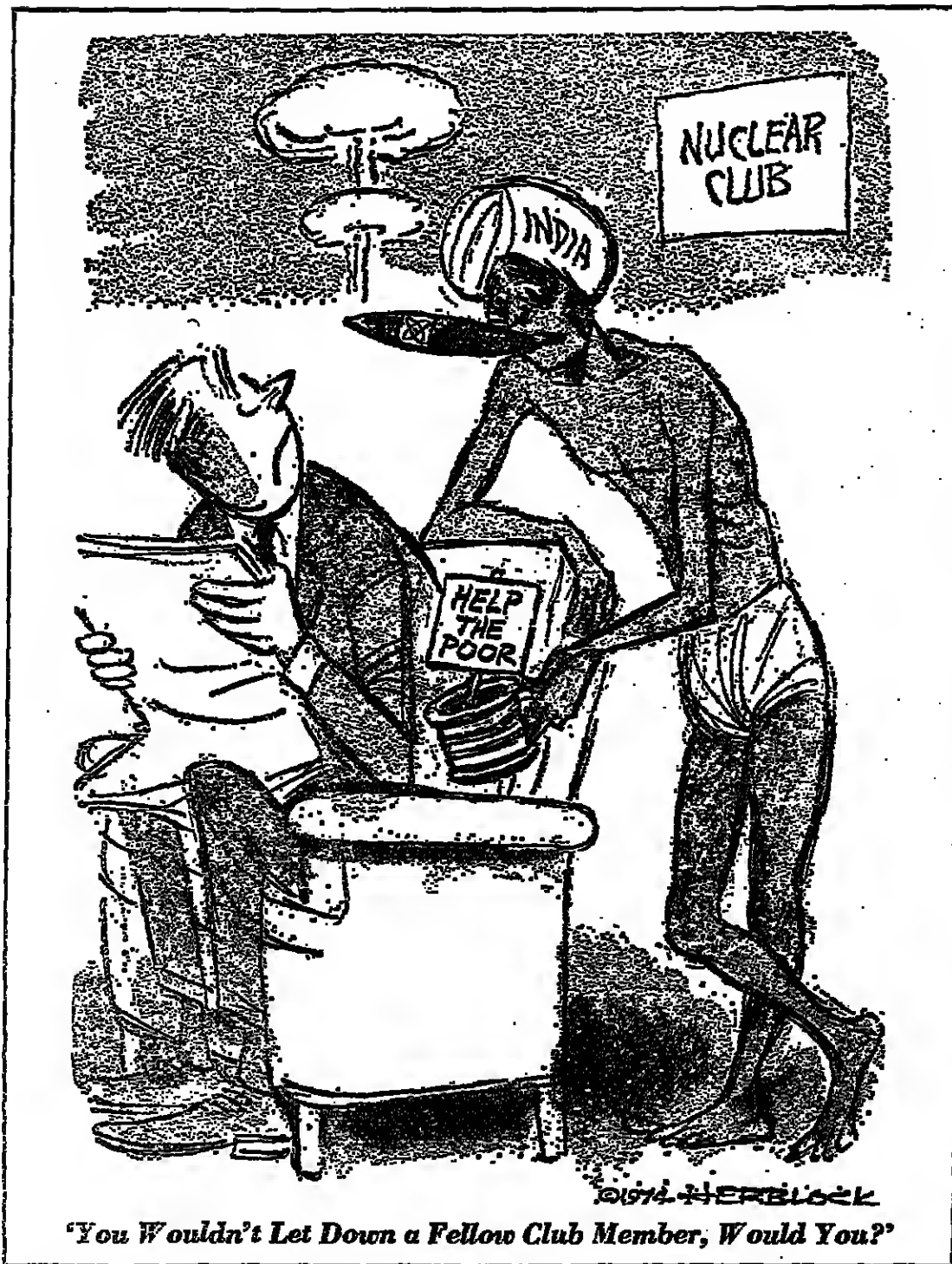
May 24, 1899

NEW YORK.—In view of the tremendous preparations which are being made to welcome Adm. Dewey home, a telegram from Hong Kong to the effect that he is too ill to attend Queen Victoria's birthday dinner there comes as a decided damper. It is known that the admiral, though by no means an invalid, has suffered more or less from intestinal ailments he contracted in the Philippines and has to pay special regard to his diet.

Fifty Years Ago

May 24, 1894

CHICAGO.—Eldonppers who made a deal with Robert Franks, 14-year-old son of Joseph Franks, watchmaker and one of the city's wealthiest men, have killed the boy and stuffed his body into a cabinet near a trapdoor because they believed the police were on their trail. The kidnappers took the boy as he was leaving a private school for home and hurried him away in a motor car. His skull had been crushed, police said.



Message From Mr. Jaworski

By Anthony Lewis

BOSTON.—In writing to the Senate Judiciary Committee about the latest White House attempt to obstruct its work, Leon Jaworski reminded us that the impeachment inquiry is not the only threat to President Nixon. The work of the special prosecutor's office remains highly significant, and beyond that there is particular symbolism in the person of Jaworski.

What stimulated his letter was an argument by James St. Clair, the President's counsel, against production of 64 tapes subpoenaed for the Watergate trials. St. Clair claimed that the special prosecutor had no right at all to sue Nixon for evidence, because he is a subordinate of the President in the executive branch and has no independent legal standing.

That argument was discussed in the White House last fall as a possible defense against the original tapes subpoena by Archibald Cox. But it was never advanced in court then, perhaps because it seemed a politically risky stance or because the then-attorney general, Elliot Richardson, objected.

Desperation

It is a fair sign of Nixon's legal desperation that his lawyer made the argument now. For the independent position of the special prosecutor, including his right to seek White House evidence by judicial process, is it anything clearer now than it was last fall. The uproar over the firing of Cox forced the President to give assurances to Jaworski in terms of personal undertakings, commitments to Congress and official regulations.

Judge John Sirica recited that history in rejecting the St. Clair argument as a "military" move. It is the argument likely to fare any better on appeal. Judges are too practical to take seriously the Alice-in-Wonderland notion that Jaworski has been assured a "right" to sue but not to win. In any event, the idea that the executive branch can speak with only one voice in the courts has long since been dispelled.

Why, then, did the White House make the argument? Nixon's position these days has been compared to Mr. Micawber's, hoping that if he hangs on long enough, something will turn up. In this case, he must hope to play the appeal process so that it carries him over the summer—in the courts and in the impeachment proceedings.

St. Clair has indicated that he will take the Jaworski subpoena to the Supreme Court, which is due to recess for the summer next month. In the ordinary course of things, it would not consider this case before October. Then St. Clair might well argue that the House Judiciary Committee ought to wait and see what the Supreme Court says about executive privilege, however different the setting of the issue.

Jaworski can be expected to move for urgent Supreme Court action, perhaps by the seldom-used procedure of asking the justices to grant review before judgment in the Court of Appeals. He can argue that expedited consideration is the only way to prevent further long delays in the Watergate trials. And there is not much purpose in consideration by the Court of Appeals, which rejected the Nixon claims on executive privilege in the earlier tapes case.

This is not the only trouble that Jaworski has had at the White House. Ever since the public fury over the October

massacre died down, he has encountered delay, evasion, obstruction; he has not even had the ordinary civilities expected between counsel on opposing sides of a case. In the face of such attitudes he has plunged on, keeping attention focused on a problem that is at the heart of the impeachment process as well as the prosecution: The problem of getting the facts from Nixon. In light of that record, a word has to be said about Leon Jaworski. When he took the job, many doubted that he could do it. Some wanted a special prosecutor appointed by the courts. Jaworski's appearance of independence seemed compromised by the fact that he had been the administration's choice. I shared those doubts. I was wrong.

Devotion to Duty

Over these months Jaworski has come to symbolize devotion to duty and to law. The legal profession ought to be extremely grateful for that, after what Watergate has done to its reputation. Of course, this White House is not grateful; it inevitably turns on any public servant who does his job in terms of the

public interest instead of Nixon's. But Jaworski has shown us that a prosecutor should be a lawyer, not a soldier.

Hardly anyone has noticed one of the hardest things he successfully did: maintained secrecy on the tapes that he had for months before the President published edited transcripts. There was not one leak, from that large office, despite the sordid character of what was on the tapes. The White House, by contrast, was busy trying to push out its leashed versions through senators and others.

Leon Jaworski is the more significant because everyone knows he began this role with no personal ideological bias against Nixon. He was a trial lawyer from Texas, a leader of the establishment bar, a man with a deeply respectful view of the American presidency. First-hand experience has evidently taught him that the values most gravely wounded by this President are those of the true conservative: law, honor, country. Conservatives will note that Jaworski's steadfast lawyer's position quietly conveys that Richard Nixon cannot afford the truth.

On the Ashes of Maalot

By Peter Grose

NEW YORK.—In the space of a few days, the emotions of those concerned with making peace between Arabs and Israelis have gyrated from grief to fury to fury to something on the way to euphoria. The sense of futility grew from the terror and violence of Maalot and Lebanon—just at a moment when Israel and Syria, that most intransigent of the neighboring Arab states, seemed on the verge of a far-reaching security accord.

On Saturday came a sudden revival of hope. The leaders of Syria and Israel alike obviously perceived their national interests in reaching an agreement, transcending the passions and frustrations of a tense moment. They signalled readiness to act on these perceptions—however unpopular any accommodation may prove to be among extremists on both sides.

The disengagement agreement that Secretary of State Kissinger is now piecing together between Jerusalem and Damascus is likely to be far more firmly based than it might otherwise have been, for having been completed on the ashes of Maalot. If the interests in reaching the accommodation were so great as to permit emotional peoples to rise above one of the starkest flares of hatred that the area has seen, then there might—just might—be something durable on which a generation can build a peace after all.

Against the long record of dashed expectations, there is no need to belabor the point that a military disengagement on the Golan Heights is not peace. But bad news and suspicions are so endemic to the Middle East that it would be equally muddling to dismiss Syrian-Israeli disengagement as merely a modest first step. It would be a very large first step.

The accord, once concluded, can be taken as firm repudiation of the old Arab ideology that forbade any notice to be taken that a Zionist state exists in the Middle East. If there are not good relations between Israel and the

Arabs, there are at least relations—mutual undertakings, joint ventures in however limited a sphere. A growing acceptance of the fact of Israel has been detected among Arab thinkers ever since 1967; now that acceptance is being codified in a formal agreement.

In this context, Syria is far more significant than Egypt. President Sadat has already negotiated a disengagement accord with Israel, but Egyptian credentials among many Arabs, certainly the more radical parties, are increasingly suspect, along with the other right-wing and monarchist Arab regimes. Syria, by contrast, has impressively Arab, unambiguously radical, credentials, as the cauldron of Arab nationalism nearly a century ago and as the most ideologically hostile of Israel's neighbors.

The Syrian accord will be almost as important to President Sadat's security as to Israel's, for the last four months have caught the Egyptian leader in a dangerously exposed position. As long as only one Arab government had found the way to grant long-withheld recognition to Israel, that government had to be considered vulnerable to reprisals from extremists around the Arab world. Now Mr. Sadat's calculated risks of last January seem to be receiving an impressive endorsement from a Syrian Baghdad; the politics of accommodation has ceased to be unthinkable for any Arab leader who fancied staying in power, and alive.

Another side effect of a Syrian-Israeli agreement could lead to a shift in the global diplomacy of the Middle East. Last December, at the opening of the ceremonial Geneva conference on the Middle East, the Soviet and Israeli foreign ministers met for the first time in more than six years. Andrei A. Gromyko informed Abba Eban that Moscow hoped to resume diplomatic relations with Israel at the first sign of significant diplomatic progress.

The Israelis were disappointed that Moscow seemed unable to consider the Egyptian disengagement

A Critical Analysis U.S. Defense Budget. Some New Rationales

By Sanford Gottlieb

WASHINGTON.—Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger is trying to convince Congress to fund the biggest military budget in U.S. history. His approach blends hoary cold-war assumptions with new and sophisticated rationales.

He wrote in the fiscal 1975 annual Defense Department report: "The United States today, as opposed to the period before 1945, bears the principal burden of maintaining the worldwide military equilibrium which is the foundation for the security and the survival of the free world. This is not a role we have welcomed; it is a role that historical necessity has thrust upon us. There is nobody else to pick up the torch."

The new rationales, mixing some truth with much else, include these: "Defense" is only 23 percent of the federal budget and 6 percent of the gross national product. There are higher costs because of the volunteer Army. The military budget barely keeps up with inflation. The United States cannot afford to stand by idly while the Russians expand their strategic arsenal.

Several Packages

Before an examination of these rationales, there should be scrutiny of the form and size of the administration's request. It comes in several packages, masking the full extent of the authorization sought for fiscal 1975, which begins July 1. The Pentagon is seeking \$62.9 billion in "obligational authority"—funds to be spent in fiscal 1975 plus some down payments on planned weapons systems—as well as \$6.2 billion in supplemental funds for the current 1974 fiscal year.

Approving a separate supplement to last year's budget makes fiscal 1974's share look bigger, fiscal 1975's smaller.

Sen. John C. Stennis, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, was not fooled. On Feb. 5, he said that "the sum of these two requests is \$69.1 billion," and that "this sum compares to \$60.2 billion," which was "approved for the Department of Defense last year for fiscal year 1974."

When the Atomic Energy Commission's weapons program is added to this sum, it breaks the \$100-billion barrier. The size of this request is unprecedented in war or peace.

The government's bookkeeping system was changed in 1968. Before then, the federal budget was composed of the total expenditures of the entire apparatus. Since then, the budget has also included expenditures from such sources as social security, the highway trust fund and railroad retirement. As a result, largely because of higher social security payments, federal outlays have increased 23 percent in two years. With a bigger "pie," the slice for "defense" looks relatively smaller even when it sets a record.

The important point about the budget is that Congress cannot dip into the Social Security trust funds. When the federal budget is recalculated along pre-1968

lines the figures look very different: 40 percent for the military, plus another 19 percent for the costs of past war—veterans payments and interest on the national debt. This total of 59 percent is the same for fiscal 1975 as fiscal 1974. The balance of 41 percent is what Congress might hope to control for such programs as education, health, environment, energy, and agriculture—or return to the taxpayer in tax cuts.

As for the gross national product, the decline in the military's share reflects only a growing national economy; in absolute terms the military budget has been steadily rising. More domestic appliances and buildings need not be matched by more missiles and bombers. If the economy expands during a period of relative international calm, why shouldn't the military's share decline?

Military pay has risen considerably in recent years, but not because of the volunteer Army. The key decision to make military pay comparable to civilian wages, by linking it to civil-service grades, was made in 1967, six years before the end of the draft. The goal was equity, not a volunteer force.

Ensuring pay raises helped close the gap between military and civilian incomes even before the ending of the Vietnam war and the draft.

Military personnel costs are indeed swollen, now consuming 56 percent of the "defense" dollar. A major factor, which the Pentagon fails to cite, is the top-heavy command structure. There are today more senior officers commanding 2.5 million men and women than there were during World War II commanding 12 million—the consequence of years of vested career interests, not of the fledgling volunteer Army.

The ranks of Pentagon civilians are also swollen, with almost one for every two in uniform, at an annual cost of \$17 billion.

A staff study by the Joint Congressional Economic Committee estimates that military budget requests are up 12 percent over the previous year for wages and price increases, including fuel costs. Moreover, military spending is a prime source of inflation, pumping large sums of money into the economy without producing goods and services the public can buy.

Warhead Issue

Exactly one line in Mr. Schlesinger's 297-page annual report is devoted to the statistic that Robert S. McNamara saw in 1965 as the "most meaningful of nuclear capability": the number of separate nuclear warheads. That line reveals that in mid-1973 the United States had 6,784 strategic warheads, the Soviet Union 2,800. By mid-1974, the United States will have 7,940, the Soviet Union 2,800. Each warhead can destroy a city. We will soon have 3 warheads for each of the Soviet Union's 219 major cities, not counting thousands of tactical nuclear weapons. This is overkill.

But Mr. Schlesinger is worried. The Russians are testing for new missiles with big payloads. Six years after the United States they are expected to start fifth independent targeted nuclear warheads on their missiles. A some future point, Mr. Schlesinger says, they could have 7,000 powerful warheads with which to threaten American land-based missiles.

Even if one assumes that the Russians could destroy every American intercontinental ballistic missile in its silo, a single hard-to-locate Poseidon submarine could devastate 150 separate major targets in the Soviet Union. Instead of emulating the Soviet in meaningless buildups, the United States should try to negotiate real reductions in overkill capacity.

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CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

'Conversation' Rates Its Advance Notices

By Thomas Quinn Curtiss

CANNES, May 23 (UPI)—Francis Ford Coppola's "The Conversation" is one of the very few films shown during this year's Cannes Festival that deserves its advance reputation.

This U.S. entry is certainly not a great motion picture, but it is a timely and interesting one, absorbing and informative.

"The Conversation" takes place in the reptilian realm of professional eavesdroppers. Coppola begins his scenario long before Watergate got into the headlines. His film touches only obliquely on politics, but its impact has been strengthened by recent revelations. We all, it seems, live under the shadow of the hidden microphone.

The narrative focuses not on the victims of surveillance, but on a crack scooper, "the best bugger on the West Coast." Contrary to his custom, he becomes curious about a conversation—that of a young couple in a park—that he has been hired to record. He sniffs a murder in the offing and his conscience awakens.

Coppola has sketched the slush, rotten with moral decay, with clarity; the role is played

by Gene Hackman with chilling conviction. The case he is investigating is left rather dim in the pink manner, the private life of the private eye being the main business of the script. The action develops slowly, perhaps a bit too slowly. The opening scene with the camera descending on San Francisco's Union Square as the voices of the crowd and the street music—heard very faintly at first—become more and more distinct is an especially striking sequence.

André Brasseur's "Once Upon a Time in the East," a made-in-Quebec entry, is a film of unusual quality. It incorporates parts of Michel Tremblay's play, "Les Belles-Sœurs," seen last season in Paris, with excerpts from Tremblay's other plays. The film moves between the home of a middle-class housewife who wins a cargo of trading stamps and invites her friends to a "paste-up" party and a bonky-took cabaret where female impersonators perform and temperaments clash bitterly. The actors give gripping, intense performances. This is a promising



Associated Press

French actress Marie José Nat, her son David Drach and her husband Michel Drach at the festival for "Les Violons du Bal," which Drach directed and in which she plays.

film debut for Brasseur, a young and acclaimed theater director.

as Torquemada but devoid of dramatic action.

Almost every film that has come to Cannes is too long and too

wordy. The majority of directors represented, regardless of nationality, do not seem to know when to stop or how to underline their sometimes inviting notions for maximum effect.

"The Nickel Ride of Robert Mulligan" is an example. It is about an underworld fixer who has lost his grip and is notable for Jason Miller's portrayal of the fixer and for the realism in depicting the squalid side of an American city. But this is basically a short story in the manner of Hemingway's "The Killers"—the suspense evaporates from overexposure.

Masahiro Shioda's "Himiko," set in ancient Japan, recounts a blood-stained myth of a too-human goddess. The monotony is interrupted only by some ghostly scenes of torture. Arturo Ripstein's "El Santo Oficio" (The Holy Office) concerns the Inquisition in Mexico and its persecution there of Jews who maintain their faith. It is as full of torture

"La Cage aux Ours," directed by Martin Handwerker of Belgium, is another attempt—and an inept one—to say something about the generation gap. The Indian entry, "Garm Hara," directed by M. S. Sathyu, presents the problems of a Moslem family, reluctant to move to Pakistan after India's division. There is material here for a strong social drama but Sathyu's film is defeated by formlessness.

"La Paloma," directed by Daniel Schmid and seen in the Critics' Week section of the festival, is an over-acted, travesty of "La Dame aux Camélias." It begins brightly as a stylized satire and then descends to become a ponderous serio-comic melodrama. "A Bigger Splash," seen in the same section, is an odd documentary about the English painter David Hockney. The photography of his canvases is quite stunning, but the artist's agony over the departure of his boyfriend is wearying, accompanied as it is by interminable conversations with his friends as to whether he should go to New York or California or stay home.

Peter Davis's "Hearts and Minds," another critics' choice, aims at evaluating the U.S. policy on Vietnam. It includes interviews with politicians and soldiers and excerpts from newsreels.

"Mean Streets," rejected by both the festival committee and the Critics' Week officials, appeared among the Directors' Fortnight selections to prove the equal of any of the U.S. films accepted for competition and superior to most of them. Set in New York's Little Italy, it has to do with a young thug whose troubled conscience and affection for an outcast companion lead to his downfall. Another gangster movie? Yes, but one with a difference, thanks to ingenious technique. Martin Scorsese's brilliant direction galvanizes the stale material into a vivid, exciting melodrama. As the slum-bred hoodlum in a Cornelian dilemma, Robert De Niro delivers one of the festival's outstanding characterizations.

Two TV films invaded the cinema festival's programs. The U.S. intruder, "The Migrants," written by Tennessee Williams, is a sort of minor "Grapes of Wrath" about itinerant farm families in the South. Cloris Leachman delivers a fine performance as the worried mother of a boy who wants to escape the wage-slave camps.

"Parade," made for Swedish television, has Jacques Tati as its star. He repeats his celebrated cabaret imitations—a 1900 tennis player and his modern counterpart, among them.

Festival Ballet's Successful, Ambitious Season

By Oleg Kerensky

LONDON, May 23 (UPI)—With the main section of the Royal Ballet in the United States, its principal rival—London Festival Ballet—is having a very successful and ambitious eight-week season at the London Coliseum. The season, which ends June 8, has included a new two-act ballet, two acquisitions from abroad, revivals of various works which have not been performed by Festival Ballet for several years, and a new ballet which was canceled the day before the premiere after a dispute between the management and the choreographer about whether dancers should appear to strip on stage!

In addition, the season also includes a large number of standard classics, and introduces some new stars. As if all that were not enough, last night the company presented what was in some ways the most interesting event of all the first revival in England since 1936 of Massine's "Parade."

In 1917, "Parade" seemed almost as revolutionary as the Russian revolution with which it coincided. It combined cubist décor and costumes by Plocco with a score by Satie which included factory sirens and typewriters among its sound effects. Massine, who supervised this revival himself, was surprised to find himself in New York for the Joffrey Ballet last year, says that he was too young and too inexperienced to do the choreography as it should have been done in 1917. He claims that his present version is a great improvement. Certainly it seems to be different; the ending of the ballet is not at all as it was described in C.W. Beaumont's "Complete Book of Ballets" and the solo for the Chinese conjuror, though consciously danced by Kerrison Cooke, scarcely makes the effect it evidently did when it was created by Massine himself.

The most effective dance now is for a pantomime horse, an amusing music-hall stunt with the front half of the horse looking round to see what the back part, played by another man, is doing. But this has little to do with the art of choreography. Carole Hill, as a brash little American girl, was lively and pert, but on the whole this series of little circus numbers now seems pale and slight. The revival has curiosity value, which is appreciated by experts, but little entertainment value. It had only a lukewarm reception, though there was an ovation for Massine, a great survivor whose rather more amusing "Gaieté parisienne" is also in Festival's current repertoire. (A revival of his multi-media "Ode," created in Paris in 1952, might be even more intriguing than "Parade.")

Festival's new two-act work, on the other hand, is not for approval by serious-minded critics but for the enjoyment of a large, nonspecialist audience. Barry Moreland calls his ballet "The Prodigal Son," which risks thoughts of Balanchine and Prokofiev, to say nothing of the Bible. Actually it is a trendy dance-revue, to popular music by Scott Joplin and others, which seeks its hero lightheartedly through the main events of the 20th century, including the two world wars and the Depression. There is a nightclub out of "Cabaret," with Patricia Ruane as a Dietrich-type siren and Kenneth Wells as the shady MC, and Miss Ruane reappears in the thirties in a huge car, in which she drives off with the hero, whom she rescues from unemployment for a brief interlude of high life.

FRANKFURT—Blood, Sweat and Tears will be at the Jahrhunderthalle May 24 at 8 p.m. Emerson, Lake and Palmer will be at the Festhalle auf dem Messelände May 31, also at 8 p.m.

PARIS—Starting May 24, Chris Wood will be at the Trois Mail-

Wells reappears as a comic opera Hitler inspired by Chaplin's "The Great Dictator"?), supported by a chorus line of goose-stepping girls. Paul Clarke is dazzling in the title role and dances just as much as he sings, dancing in white tie and tails and high-kicking in tunic and trousers as he does doing ballet. The ending of the first act, when he becomes a war hero, does not quite work, nor does the final curtain, when Moreland suddenly remembers the title of the work and stages a meaningless reunion with an aging father. But most of "The Prodigal Son" is fast-moving fun, very much helped by an endless series of quick-changing and amusing sets designed by Michael Annals.

Paul Clarke, who is ending his first season with Festival after many years of comparative neglect with the Royal Ballet, also scored this week in a revival of Jack Carter's "Wild Boy." This theatrical mixture of square dancing and dramatic mime based on "The Ballad of Barbara Allen" used to provide John Gielgud with one of his biggest successes for Festival Ballet some years ago. Clarke cannot suggest a new-born baby as effectively as Gielgud, and at both the first two performances he was robbed of his highly effective final curtsy by a premature blackout of the stage spotlight. (The stage management throughout this season has been lamentable.) but his fey facial makeup suggests that he is no ordinary mortal, his past deus with Patricia Ruane (another recruit from the Royal Ballet) is suitably erotic, and he conveys all the required terror when he is lynched by the revivalist preacher and an angry mob. No doubt he will grow further into the part, and be as successful with it as his predecessor.

Festival's main imports from abroad are Ronald Kay's version of "The Fairy's Kiss," first staged in Holland and Munich, and "Rose Variation," taken from Maurice Béjart's "Ni Fleurs, Ni Couronnes." Hynd has made a clear and charming version of the rather silly fairy tale. And he has an attractive and ingenious décor by Peter Docherty. Dagmar Kessler and Peter Breuer are a bit colorless as the innocent hero and heroine, Maina Gielgud is suitably strong and spiky as the sinister fairy, Miss Gielgud, whose glove-seller in "Gaieté Parisienne" is remarkably charming and stylish, also performs "Rose Variations," a sad and unfunny parody of bits of "The Sleeping Beauty."

Apart from anything else, she is not sufficiently like a real classical ballerina in physique or appearance to risk a burlesque.

The rest of the repertoire has included a revival of "Les Sylphides," ruined by a new orchestration which has piano and orchestra alternating regardless of Fokine's choreography, and a rather tame version of "Prince

Igor," which suffered from Equity's refusal to allow the participation of an amateur singing choir. The full-length 19th-century classics fare better than the Fokine revivals; this season they have been particularly graced by Elisabeth Terabust, the ballerina from Rome who is now with Festival on an almost permanent basis. Her Aurora in "The Sleeping Beauty" has clarity and dramatic freshness, while technical difficulties of the role adagio seem to hold no terror for her. Her Giselle is glorious light and fast-moving, as well as being touchingly acted. She must prove to be the ballerina of the festival has needed since the departure of Galina Samsova.

Opera in London: Strength And Weakness of 'Jenufa'

By Henry Pleasants

LONDON, May 23 (UPI)—That there were more empty seats than usual and there usually aren't any—at last night's revival of Janáček's "Jenufa" by the Royal Opera at Covent Garden would seem to indicate that the opera-going public remains reluctant to along with the recent vogue for Janáček's operas among critics and other connoisseurs.

The sordidness of the peasant tragedies he favored as subject may have something to do with this reluctance. They are, to be sure, hardly more sordid than, say, "Cavalleria Rusticana" or "Pagliacci," but Janáček did less than his Italian verismo contemporaries to relieve the sinister gloom with compensating episodes of exuberant bucolic cheer.

Now would he grant either to his singers or to his audiences the soaring melodies, the theatrically effective set pieces that have been the best of the Italian verismo operas of the turn of the century in the repertoire for 75 years or more. He probably took his subject more seriously than the Italians did, and it is this affectionate preoccupation that is at once the strongest and the weakest characteristic of such operas as "Jenufa" and "Katya Kabanova."

It is strong because Janáček could, as an extraordinary master of the orchestra, establish a sense of time, place, mood and even sustain it with apparently inexhaustible resources of color shading and nuance. This is what so appeals to the critics and other connoisseurs. It is weak because he could not, as a man of theater, stand back and assess the probable concentration span of his audience, whose identification with his mostly unlovely characters might be less intense and less sympathetic than his. "Jenufa" is the most effective of his operas. It is most effective in the orchestra, and it was the orchestra, under the informed and inspired direction of Charles Mackerras, that emerged as the star of last night's performance. The South African Wendy Fine was new and admirable Jenufa, both vocally and dramatically. T. American William Cochran made an impressive Covent Garden debut as Laca, and Amy Shuard repeated her familiar eloquent characterization of the Kostelníks.

The consistency of the characters in "Jenufa" is so complete that the program, for the first time in my opera-going experience, provides a diagrammed family tree. It left me as much in the dark as ever about who is what to whom. The language of this performance, according to the program, was English.

ON THE ARTS AGENDA

The American Actor's Studio is presenting three one-act plays by Tennessee Williams, "Portrait of a Madonna," "This Property Is Condemned" and "I Can't Imagine Tomorrow," at the Théâtre Le Régent, 9 Rue Gaston Latouche, St. Cloud, France, May 24 and 25. Performances begin at 8:30 p.m.

The annual Mal de Versailles festival, from June 2 to 23, will feature two opera productions in the Théâtre Louis XV of the chateau-Ramesses "Les Indes Galantes" on June 11 and 12 under the musical direction of Jean-Claude Malgoire and Furtella "Ode and Aeneas" staged by Dominique Deloche on June 13 and 20. The festival will also repeat its concert-promenades formula inaugurated last year, with different concerts at different hours of the same day in different points in or near the chateau. In addition, this year there will be theatrical and musical events given outdoors June 15 and 16 in the architecturally classified Quarter Saint-Louis, either free or at low prices. The György Cziffra

Wagner's "Die Walküre" will be the final new production of the regular season at the Bavarian State Opera in Munich, under the musical direction of Wolfgang Sawallisch, in a staging by Günther Rennert and with sets and costumes by Jan Braza. The cast includes Ingrid Bjoner, Brigitte Fassbender, James King, Theo Adam and Kurt Moll. The first performance is scheduled for June 9.

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Profits, Sales Increase at U.K. Firms

Stanley Says Net
Is 61% in Year

LONDON, May 23 (AP-DJ).—Large British corporations today said that profits and sales had increased substantially in 1973. The synthetic fibers industry, for example, said net profit rose a sharp 61 percent from 1972 to 1973. Sales increased to 2,555.8 million from 2,277.1 million. Courtauld set a final dividend of 7.579 pence, or equivalent to 7.579 pence, in 1973. Another report, Beecham said net earnings rose 18.9 percent to 22.1 million from 1972. The pharmaceuticals, chemicals and products company set a final dividend of 2.499 pence, making a total for the year of 27.56 percent. In 1973, sales totaled 2,555.8 million, up from 2,277.1 million in 1972.

BMW Net Rise

MUNICH, May 23 (AP-DJ).—The profit of Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (BMW) rose to 93.2 million deutsche marks in 1973 from 92.9 million in 1972, the company said today. However, that, excluding 12.5 million DM non-recurring in 1972, profit for that year was 80.7 million DM, a definite improvement. Sales rose 12.5 percent to 11.0 billion DM in 1973 from 9.8 billion DM in 1972, with exports rising 46.3 percent of the total from 42.9 percent in 1972. In the first few months of 1974, BMW declined 8.4 percent in cash from the like 1973 period, the company said. It added, however, that its production figures matched those of the first few months of 1973 and that its year's production volume, 1,466 passenger cars,

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES

New Semiconductor Technology

Sony reports development of a new technology for producing semiconductors "of high quality, high capacity and low price needed for the increasing demands of various electronic equipment." The new technology allows a greater degree of control over the characteristics of devices in the design stage, "which until now has been the main problem in fabricating semiconductor devices." Sony says it has used the technology to develop high-performance transistors operating at high power, high frequencies and with low noise. The technology, it adds, also can be applied to integrated circuits for various existing uses and is "especially useful in the production of large-scale integration, because it provides good uniformity, high quality and greater freedom in design."

Pan Am Seeks Boost in Profits

Pan American World Airways has presented U.S. officials with a detailed "shopping list" of proposed government actions it "conservatively" estimates would yield potential profit opportunities of \$341 million to \$407.5 million annually if fully implemented. The program would avert the need for future federal subsidy payments to it, Pan Am says. But it also maintains that it should be paid subsidies to offset 1974 and 1975 losses, anticipated because of higher fuel costs, that will be incurred prior to any beneficial results from its proposed program. Major features of the plan include government grants of new routes to Pan Am and restrictions of authority for certain selected foreign airlines (producing \$80 million to \$86.5 million in added yearly profit), changes in various fare and rate regulations (producing an estimated profit gain of \$75 million to \$102 million), denial of certain routes or new authority being sought by other airlines and rejection of some proposed relaxations in restrictions on charter-flight operations.

Rising Prices Help Some Exporters

Asia Copes With Inflation, Higher Oil Cost

TOKYO, May 23 (AP-DJ).—Asian countries seem to be weathering inflation and high costs, with some Southeast Asian nations benefiting from increased raw material and food prices and Indonesia and Malaysia gaining from petroleum exports.

In resource-poor countries—Taiwan, South Korea, Japan—rising international prices are less of a worry than a general slowdown in the world's economy. These three have strong industries and they have compensated to a fair degree for higher priced imports by raising export prices. But

they may have balance-of-payments problems for some time.

South Korea will benefit from inflation in one respect, since it has been an unusually heavy borrower. The nation's income should increase because of rising prices. But its \$5 billion foreign debt will remain the same, thus becoming easier to pay off, says an official in Seoul.

Biggest Losers

The main losers from inflation are nations such as South Vietnam, India, Ceylon and Bangladesh, all of which have fundamentally weak economies. The Communist nations of North Vietnam, North Korea and China have not felt worldwide inflation as sharply because their foreign trade is comparatively restricted.

But Peking has boosted the price of the small amount of oil it sells Japan by 400 percent to \$14.80 a barrel in a year.

Japan's balance of payments is deeply in deficit in part because its oil import bill this year is expected to double to about \$18 billion. However, exports are up 50 percent in value and restrictions have been imposed on long-term capital outflows. So last year's \$10-billion payments deficit should be reduced greatly. The main problem is controlling domestic inflation, running at more than 30 percent annually.

In South Korea, exports have risen more than 30 percent in the first four months, and the trade deficit rose to \$445 million in the first quarter, compared with \$389 million in 1973.

Taiwan Output Off

In Taiwan, the Economic Planning Council says production at small and medium-sized companies making clothing, appliances and plastics mostly for export fell about 30 percent in the first quarter from last year. A balance-of-payments deficit of \$153 million in the first quarter was the first in four years. Officials say exports should revive.

Markets Closed

Markets throughout Europe, apart from Britain, were closed Thursday for Ascension Day.

Greek GNP Up 30%

ATHENS, May 23 (AP-DJ).—Greece's gross national product at current prices reached 427 billion drachmas (\$14.5 billion) in 1973, up 30.2 percent from 1972, the Greek government announced today.

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K. Bank Confirms It Bought Stock in Failed Japanese Firm

By Fowler W. Martin

KYOTO, May 23 (AP-DJ).—A local representative of K. Bank confirmed that the London-based bank bought 800,000 shares of Nihon Netsuagaku Kogyo common shares shortly before the Japanese air conditioner maker asked to go into receivership.

The transaction, registered in May 20, was valued at an estimated 830 million yen (\$3 million). Nihon Netsuagaku asked for \$100 million in May 20. The bank said it had been hard done by. Robert Norris, K. Bank's representative in London, said the bank was sold in a block by Aeromaster Co., Netsuagaku's chief manufacturing subsidiary, which applied for protection under the Japanese insolvency law.

At the same time, company officials said, the firm was working on a plan of affiliation with Singer Co. of the United States. This would have involved having Aeromaster manufacture or assemble some types of Singer products in Japan for sale on the domestic market.

At present the Osaka district court is investigating Nihon Netsuagaku's request to be granted a receiver and to be financially reconstructed under the terms of the corporate rehabilitation law.

If the court decides against such a move, the company will be declared bankrupt and liquidated, unless other interests offer to make good its debts in the meantime.

Kleinwort apparently purchased the shares in a "temporary" or "buy-back" arrangement, which may also have been illegal, Mr. Norris said he did not know any details of the transaction because it was negotiated from London.

Finance Ministry officials said an informal investigation of the overall situation has begun by the ministry and by the Bank of Japan.

The case could develop into a major securities scandal as Nihon Netsuagaku's shares had been moved to the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange from the second section only 30 days before the receivership announcement was made.

That move was sponsored by Yamaichi Securities Co. Officials of Yamaichi said Nihon Netsuagaku's management told them the earlier rumors of financial difficulties were false.

The fund was apparently out of Nihon Netsuagaku when the bank asked for a receiver on May 20. That request when 1.9 billion yen worth of Nihon Netsuagaku and Aero trade bills were not honored and the two companies not raise sufficient funds to keep them back.

Favored by British investors, the shares of Nihon Netsuagaku had been a favorite number of British institutional investors.

company's business, centered on the manufacture and

Franklin Bank Solvent, U.S. Official Says

But Agency Suggests
Changes in Operations

By Robert E. Bedingfield

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP-DJ).—James E. Smith, Controller of the Currency, said yesterday that his agency has completed a "truncated" examination begun early last week to evaluate the assets of Franklin National Bank and that "its position is the same as before—it is a solvent bank."

Meanwhile, it was learned that Mr. Smith, who as far as is known is the second-largest shareholder of Franklin National Bank, the bank's parent, has advised both federal authorities and the bank that he intends to subscribe to his full allotment of a \$50-million share offering that Franklin National Bank is planning to make to shareholders.

Mr. Smith holds 77,781 shares of common stock and 13,470 shares of convertible preferred. Michele Sindona, the Italian with 1 million shares, owns a controlling interest of nearly 22 percent in Franklin National Bank. Mr. Sindona is on record as offering to underwrite the planned offering and to purchase any shares that other stockholders do not purchase.

In an interview here, the Controller of the Currency said that last March 8, after his agency had completed a regular examination of Franklin National Bank's assets and management, required three times every 24 months for all national banks, it had asked the bank to undertake a number of "changes in its operations."

The controller said the examination had shown that the bank "needed less reliance" on what he described as "highly volatile short-term liabilities." He said that in reviewing this with the bank's officials to reduce Euro-dollar borrowings, federal fund borrowings and sales of securities under repurchase agreements.

Mr. Smith said he felt his office and the Franklin management were in agreement that there needed to be "some strengthening in the management team."



Haus-Joachim Schreiber



Eugene Dawson

PEOPLE IN BUSINESS

Haus-Joachim Schreiber has been appointed deputy managing director of Dresdner Bank in Frankfurt, effective Aug. 1. He will leave his position as managing director of Cie. Luxembourg-Gesellschaft de Banque but will remain a member of the board of directors of the Luxembourg subsidiary of Dresdner Bank.

Westinghouse Electric Corp. industry services divisions has named Eugene Dawson managing

director of Controlmatic GmbH of Frankfurt. He succeeds Charles Marset, founder of Controlmatic, who died last April. Mr. Dawson was previously with Sterwech, a Westinghouse associate automation firm in Zaandam, Holland.

Koichi Kimura has been named managing director and general manager of Daiwa Europe NV's London office. Previously he was general manager of the group's Geneva office.

Drop in Raw Material Prices Spurs Hopes That Zoom Over

LONDON, May 23 (Reuters).—The prices of metals and other raw materials fell sharply in London today, raising hopes that the two-year-old commodity price boom—one of the major causes of inflation—may finally have gone into reverse.

Commodity dealers remained wary, however, about predicting a sustained decline in prices. They noted that some raw materials, notably zinc and copper, remain in short supply.

Nevertheless, Reuters commodity index, which is based on the prices of 17 basic raw materials, fell today by 12.2 points to 1,306.1—its lowest level this year. The fall followed an even steeper decline of 27.5 points on Tuesday. A year ago, the index stood at 926.2.

Today's drop in the index was caused principally by a sharp

downturn in metal prices. Copper was down 55p a ton to £1,045 a ton, tin lost £50 a ton to £3,740 a ton, and zinc eased 35p to £540 a ton.

But other commodities were also affected by speculative selling.

Cocoa fell £14 a ton to £1,065.50 a ton, while cotton, meat, rubber, and copra were also lower. The price of silver tumbled by 21.1 pence to 205.5 pence per ounce at the midday market fixing.

Gold also declined at the afternoon fixing.

If the fall in commodity prices proves to be sustained, it will help to curb inflation in many countries and will benefit the balance of payments of industrialized countries like Britain, which depend heavily on imported raw materials.

Dow Gains But N.Y. List Drops Back

Technical Cause Seen
For 2.6 Rise in Index

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP-DJ).—The Dow Jones industrial average bounced off the 800 level today, closing higher, but prices were generally lower on the New York Stock Exchange.

The industrial index, in a session, closed up 2.66 points to 805.23. Declining issues outnumbered gainers by about 820 to 530.

Trading was moderate, with volume totaling 14.77 million shares, compared with 15.45 million yesterday.

Analysts attributed the industrial average action largely to technical factors. They said some support appeared as the index pulled back twice close to the 800 level. However, they added that buying was light and appeared to lack conviction.

Sony was one of the most active issues, slipping 1/2 to 25 3/8. Trading in the issue included a block of 161,400 shares at 25.

Diversified Mortgage Investors was also active, closing at 5 1/2, off 3/8. Turnover included a block of 113,600 shares at 5.

Certain-Teed Products fell 1 1/2 to 12 7/8. The company said yesterday it would no longer provide funds to its Valley Forge subsidiary. It planned a reserve to cover possible write-off of all or most of its \$27-million Valley Forge investment, advances and guarantees.

Superscope climbed 1 1/8 to 15 5/8. The company forecast a 50 percent gain in second-quarter net.

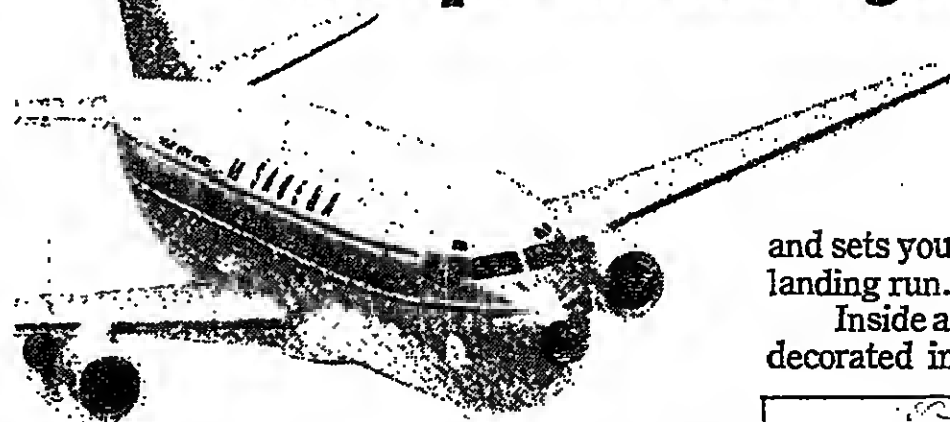
Silver mining shares were lower as silver bullion prices fell abroad. International Mining was down 1 1/4 to 13. Sunshine Mining was 14, off 2. Newmont 3 7/8, down 1/8, and Rosario Resources 2 1/2, off 1/4.

Halliburton sank 5/8 to 142 3/8. Sedco was 38 1/8, off 4 1/8, and J. Ray McDermott 64, down 1 3/8.

Sedco confirmed that the Royal Dutch Shell group cancelled a letter of intent to purchase an \$80-million pipeline-barge from a group including Halliburton, McDermott and Sedco for use in the North Sea.

The American Stock Exchange index closed down 0.19 to 79.64.

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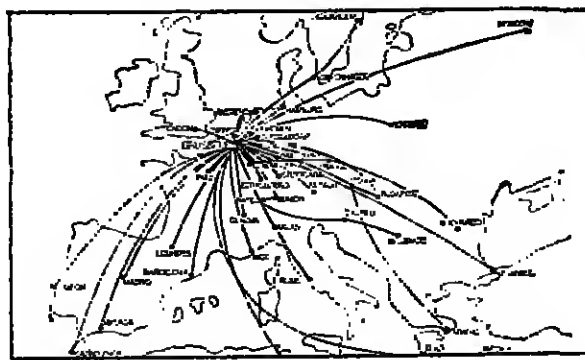
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1973 ACCOUNTS: THE YEAR OF RECOVERY

MONTEDISON makes profits again. 5,500 m. lire for the leader company and 33,300 m. lire consolidated group profits were achieved in 1973, which thus marks the return of the main Italian chemical group into the area of profits.

In addition, amortizations were increased in 1973 to maximum levels according to the Italian Law, reaching 146,000 m. lire for the leaded and 237,300 m. lire for the whole MONTEDISON group. How could such a rapid change of situation have taken place in a group which only three years ago closed its accounts in red and in 1972 marked an accumulated loss of lire 458,000 m?

In brief, the reasons are: the improvement of managerial skill, modernisation of structures, the increase of demand in the chemical and synthetic fibres markets, the success of the new MONTEDISON group without the proper carbonate image, having a most diversified production of a thousand items and often operating at a loss.

The basic strategy at MONTEDISON's new managerial policy consisted in concentrating the group's activity in the chemical and synthetic fibres sector, where MONTEDISON is present through the main Italian producer in the field, MONTEFIBRE.

Particularly, in the chemical sector the company devised and started new activities specialising in fine chemicals, which, as it is known, permits a higher added value than the base chemicals, where the group was heavily engaged during the past managements.

Then there is another sector, which, owing to its close relation to its other activities, MONTEDEISON intends to further develop: the large-scale distribution, where MONTEDEISON has the control of the main Italian chain of one-price stores and supermarkets: STANDA.

In order to actually concentrate the group's efforts along these lines, it had been necessary to operate a selection among the subsidiaries through the sale of companies not related to MONTEDEISON's main line of activities. These sales, representing one of the major efforts of the present management, permitted MONTEDEISON to reorganize itself, and under favorable economic conditions, in order to focus its activities on its new production policy (such as, for example, in the fields of liquid gas, building materials, aluminum and marble) and which will find better development possibilities with other groups more directly interested in the same.

Instead, in order to strengthen its presence

in the fields of outstanding integral MCI. TEDIOSI assumed complete control of a number of chemical textile companies in Italy and abroad (REGGIANI, Polibrevi, now MONTEPIRELLI FRANCESI). Another significant move in this direction was the purchase of 10% of shares of Catinicola Cantoni, one of the most important processors of synthetic fibres in Italy.

Also the solution of the problem dealing with persistent loss-makers units, which weighed heavily upon the group's financial situation, made in 1973 decisive progress. Thus, in the textile sector, where major problems were still left open, restructuring plans were declined and initiated at the absolute initiative of Montedison, in the chemical field the recuperation of a number of technically overvalued fac-

One of these is the ratio between outlays and the proceeds of sales, which dropped in 1973 from 67 to 62 percent. To fully understand such a result it should be recalled that there was a sharp rise in the price of raw materials. In MONTEDISON, it is mainly in respect of the fact that in spite of this the purchase cost incidence has decreased, supplies ample proof that the substantially higher outlays the company had in most cases it recouped through an improved production efficiency.

Another significant factor is the increase of the added value on the processed, re-sale. While in the past year a numerical rise only to 35 percent this year 38 percent was reached, a remarkable improvement. Also in the financial sector representing a necessary integration of activities let an industrial concern thing nice going well. FINGES is a financial company, where MONTEDISON has trained its holding and financial management of the management of its past long, excellent partner: GEMINA another financial company of the group dealing mainly with financial mediation operations in Italy and abroad, made its profits as to be able, already in the past year, to give a good dividend to MONTEDISON shareholders and show also the year a particularly bright trend.

As regards Banco Lariano, it should be pointed out that the bank developed its activities remarkably, with further expansion in view. MONTEDISON gave also a decisive contribution to the solution of

The old problem of increasing the Italian share listing, by quoting, in 1973, three further securities of the MONTEDISON controlled companies: STANDA, ALIMONT and SANCO LARIANO. 1973 was therefore not only the year of

MONTEDISON's return to profits.

It was the year in which MONTEDISON definitely outlined its corporate image as a leader in the chemical-pharmaceutical and synthetic fibres sectors in Italy, laying down also the necessary foundations for its growing presence on the international market.

In this connection it should be pointed out that in 1973 MONTEDISON achieved a number of first important moves representing the preliminary conditions for further development on an international level at the various strong points.

Thus, a multi-year agreement with the Soviet Union was concluded, for a value of 300,000 m t/lr, comprising a supply of several large chemical plants to the Soviet Union and in exchange for which the group will withdraw substantial quantities of the respective products.

MONTEDISON has thus turned to account its know-how in the chemical engineering field on a world level, accumulating the experience of its sources of supply for intermediate products, according to a formula which permits to give an efficient response also to the requirements of industrial development of its partner.

In the framework of furthering the group's activities abroad, the network of commercial associate companies extending in a great number of Countries in all

To these initiatives should eventually be added the conclusion of negotiations with **HECULES**, the important American chemical company, envisaging a collaboration for the marketing of the group's new pharmaceutical products, manufactured by its subsidiaries **CARLO ERBA** and **FARMITALIA** on the North-American market.

MONTEDISON SALIENT FIGURES FOR 1973 (thousand million lire)		
	Montedison	Montedison Group (consolidated)
Net Capital Funds	374.5	404.0
Fixed Assets	1,927.7	3,043.2
Revolving Funds	535.8	230.3
Consolidation Funds	906.9	7,533.0
Debt	1,175.4	2,389.9
Labour Costs	286.6	197.7
Contributions	145.0	227.3
Net Profits	3.5	33.2

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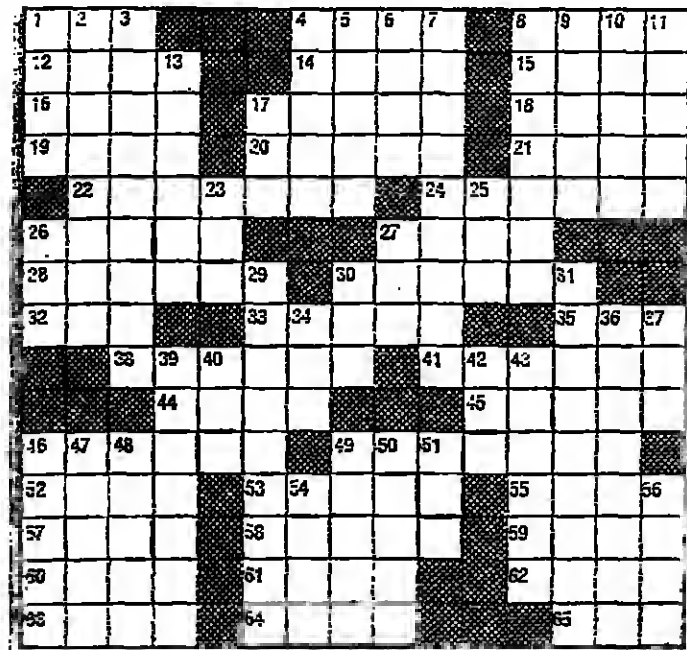
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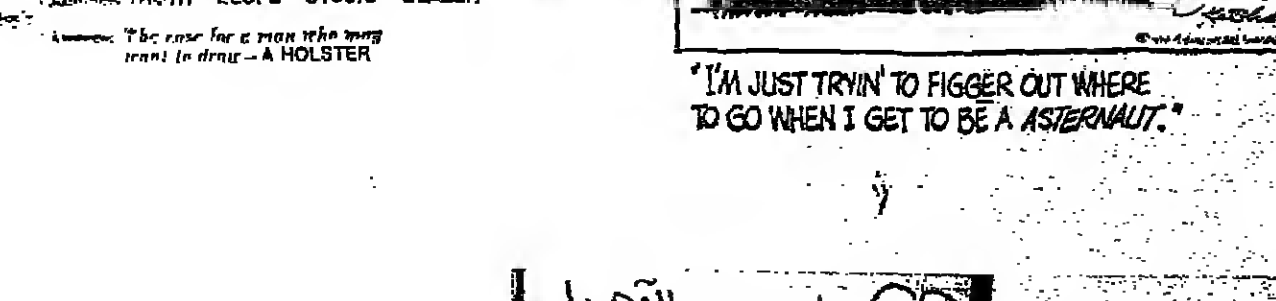
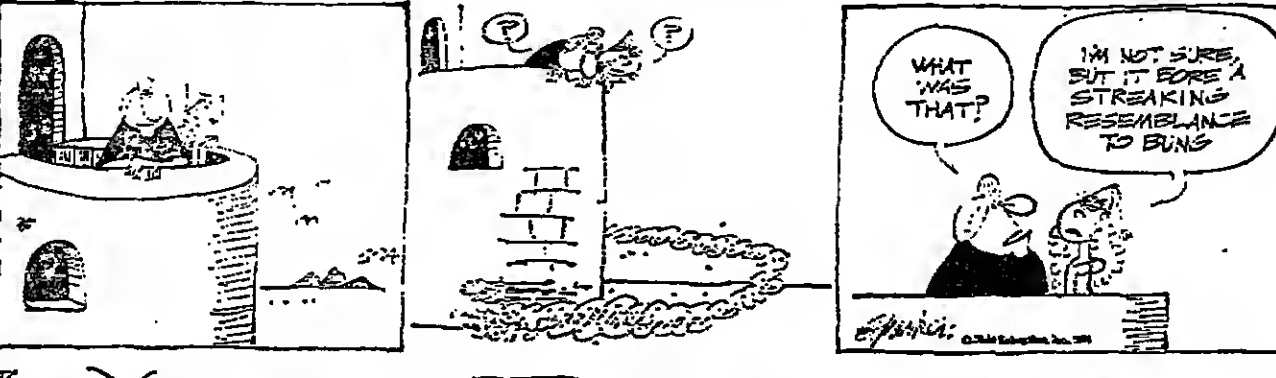
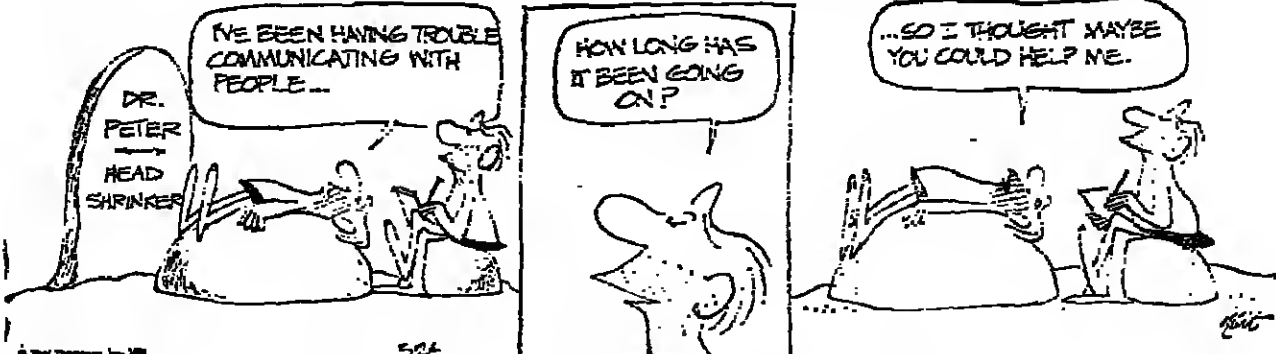
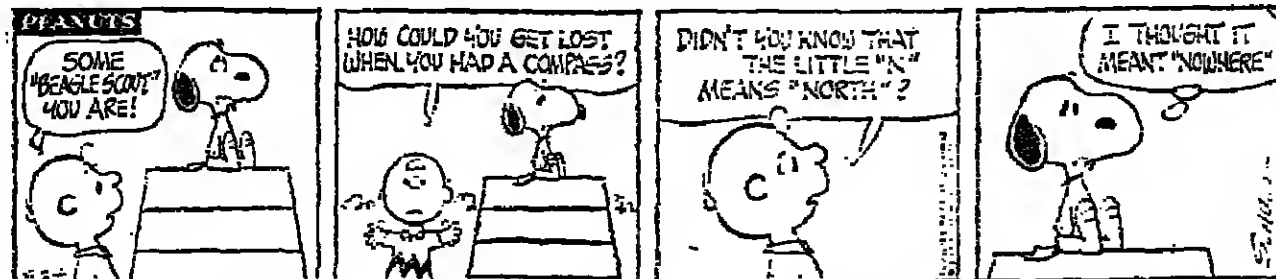
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BOOKS

THE POISON ORACLE

By Peter Dickinson, Pantheon. 181 pp. \$5.95.

Reviewed by Anatole Broyard

HERE'S a murder mystery in which the only witness to the crime is a chimpanzee—a chimpanzee who has learned to communicate through a set of symbols. Here's a plot that raises such questions as "can a chimpanzee lie?" Disguised as a suspense novel, "The Poison Oracle" also broaches such issues as the interplay between language and culture. If the language disintegrates, will the culture join it in a suicide pact? Does the absence of any terminology for cause and effect preserve a society from the decadence that seems to overtake all others? Might it not be necessary for the 20th century to maintain at least one undeveloped country as a guarantee, in a sense, of our history? Are we, as Max Lerner once said about literature, "constantly in need of rebarbarization?"

The corpse in Peter Dickinson's latest book is not so much a person as a culture. Can the primitive march peoples in the Arab sultanate of Q'ut ignore the fact that there is oil under their mud butts? Can they survive the disease-laden effluvia that drains down from half of Asia into their swamp? Can a heroine with a nose that is "less accipitrine than columbeous" single-handedly overcome with her sexuality all of the author's erudition?

For the average suspense reader the answer will be no. Even an indignant no, since the protagonist doesn't even get to rub her columbeous nose. To them "The Poison Oracle" will seem less like a mystery novel than a PhD thesis with a couple of dead people pressed in its pages. Others, those with a weakness for the crime of originality, will go on praising Dickinson and showering prizes on him.

Wesley Morris, the anti-hero of the book—yes, the anti-hero has infiltrated the suspense genre—is a "psychologist" who has been offered a huge salary and a laboratory in Q'ut by the whimsical sultan who was at Oxford with him.

Morris loves his chimpanzee, Dinah, better than James Bond ever loved any of his birds. He has an extremely low sexual drive—a new trend in crime novels—that may be a backlash against the near-pornography that was beginning to taint their schoolboy innocence. He loves her with all the ardor of his IQ. As she progresses in her ability to communicate with him, we feel that he will soon be treating her to poetry—pastoral, if not actually lyrical.

When the heroine—who is maliciously named Anne by the author—arrives, it is in a hijacked

Giacometti Wo Stolen in Dalla

DALLAS, May 23 (AP)—Thieves carried away art valued at \$800,000 from a vault gallery in 15 minutes' owner said today.

"They knew exactly what they wanted," Raymond Verre said.

The most expensive object was a bronze statuette by Swiss sculptor Alberto Giacometti (1901-1966). Mr. Verre said Giacometti had only six like the one stolen that the last one adorns the commercial market in \$150,000 in London in 1972.

Picasso Sent Back With Thief's Regret

HOUSTON, May 23 (AP)—etching by Pablo Picasso, from an exhibition at Rice University April 21 has been returned, according to Harris Stein, executive administrator of the Institute for the Arts at Rice.

The etching, worth \$60,000 and \$4,000, arrived in mail last Friday, he said. It mailed from Trenton, N.J. damaged, and bore a New City street address and the name, "B. Egret," or regu-

BRIDGE

By Alan Tru

A difficult competitive auction landed South in a tricky contract of three no-trump on the diamond deal. The new suit bid of one heart in response to the overall call of one diamond was forcing in his style.

Standard bidders would have to make a cue-bid of two clubs to make sure that North continued. As it was, both players made later cue bids in the opponents' black suits, showing strength and allowing no-trump to be reached.

West led the diamond ten, on which West played low. If the declarer had played low from dummy, he would have made 12 tricks without trouble, but he misjudged by putting up the king. This would have been the winning play if East had held the singleton queen. It was clear from the bidding that West held the ace, but the position of the queen was not clear. The contract was now in jeopardy, and communications were a major problem.

As the cards lie, the contract could have been made by leading four rounds of hearts. But South not unreasonably believed that the spade king was on his right. Hoping for a defensive error, he ducked a heart won by East.

The defense continued clubs, and South could now have made nine tricks by taking the queen. But not knowing he was due for two spade tricks, he ducked.

West now had a chance to the game by taking the club cashing his diamond winner, leading the spade king, 1 the declarer in the dummy allowing East to make the trick with the spade jack. Clubs were continued and was on track. He took his v and played a spade, intend play the nine, only to find his projected end play unnecessary.

North-South were happy this result until they found in the replay North-South bid and made six diamonds, ing the trump correctly an ing up the spade king.

WEST (D) EAST
 ♠ A Q 9 6
 ♥ 2
 ♦ K J 9 8 6 5 4
 ♣ 5
 WEST (D) EAST
 ♠ K
 ♥ J 7 4
 ♦ A 7
 ♣ K J 10 9 7 3
 SOUTH
 ♠ 8 4
 ♥ A K Q 9 8
 ♦ 10 8 3 2
 ♣ A Q 6
 Neither side was vulnerable. The bidding:
 West North East South
 1♣ 1♦ Pass
 2♦ 2♥ Pass
 3♥ 3♣ Pass
 4♣ 4♦ Pass
 5♦ 5♣ Pass
 West led the club king.

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Art Buchwald Plea Bargaining

WASHINGTON.—I was talking past the building where Leon Jaworski, the special prosecutor, has his offices when I noticed a long line which wound around the block.

"What's going on?" I asked a police officer who was making sure that the people were orderly.

"They're waiting to see the special prosecutor. It's getting near deadline time, and I guess some of them are getting nervous."

I went up to one of the men standing in line.

"How's it going?"

"He referred the question to the man standing next to him who was carrying a brief case. It was his lawyer."

"My client just remembered that he withheld some information from the grand jury that he forgot. We wish to make amends by cooperating in any way we can with the special prosecutor."

"What do you hope to get out of it?"

"Thirty days and an electric toaster."

"A toaster? Is the special prosecutor giving out premiums?"

"Of course," the lawyer replied. "How else would he get anyone to plea bargain? I know one de-

fendant who perjured himself in front of a Senate committee and he got a six-month suspended sentence and a set of Arnold Palmer golf clubs."

The line was moving slowly. A defendant and his lawyer came out of the building. The defendant was smiling.

"What did you get?" someone yelled.

"Ten months on a prison farm and an electric blanket," the defendant shouted happily.

"The lucky stiff," a man in the line said. "By the time we get upstairs they'll be out of electric blankets."

"Did you hear," another man in the line said, "that if you turn in a friend and they keep him deposited for a year, you're entitled to a color television set?"

"Wow," somebody said. "I could get two TV sets today."

A defendant and his lawyer tried to break into the line. Everyone started yelling. "Get in the back! Get in the back!"

The lawyer said: "My client is being indicted in Los Angeles this afternoon, and we have to catch a plane."

"Tough luck," a lawyer shouted. "You should have plea bargained last week."

"We couldn't," he said. "He was indicted in New York last week. And next week he's being indicted in Florida. This is the only spare time we've got."

Everyone grumbled, but they let them pass.

A defendant came out carrying a silver tea set.

"How did you get that?" a lawyer asked.

"I pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice and promised to duplicate a former attorney general of the United States. So they offered me 90 days and a choice of a tea set or a set of Elvis Presley records."

The policeman came by and cut off the line. "I'm sorry, I've been ordered to cut the line here. That's all the plea bargaining they can handle today. The rest of you have to come back tomorrow."

"Dad," said a defendant in the back of the line, "I think I'll plead not guilty."

"I can't let you do it," his lawyer said. "I promised my wife I'd bring home a set of Tupperware."

Paintings, books, musical manuscripts, clocks, furniture, telescopes, snuff boxes—George III's treasures are now on view at Buckingham Palace.

George III, the Avid Collector

By Barry May

LONDON (Reuters).—George III, last king of America, was a collector of paintings, books, musical manuscripts, clocks, furniture, telescopes, snuff boxes, and a set of Arnold Palmer golf clubs.

And he also had an insatiable passion for collecting things.

In six decades on the British throne, from 1760 to 1820, the king lost the American colonies and collected new ones in Canada, India, Australia, and South Africa. He also collected paintings, books, musical manuscripts, clocks, scientific instruments, furniture, porcelain and all manner of minor and major objects d'art.

Some of the king's treasures are now on view at Buckingham Palace, home of the reigning British monarch since George III bought it in 1762.

His accession to the throne in 1760 was welcomed by artists, craftsmen, writers, musicians, and scientists starved of royal patronage during his grandfather's (George II) reign.

The new king was trained in the sciences, and became a competent draftsman capable of closely supervising the design of newly commissioned works. He was also an accomplished musician.

Within seven days of his becoming king, Sir Horace Walpole confided to another knight: "I will tell you something, the king loves medals... I imagine his taste goes to antiquities, too, perhaps to pictures, but that I have not heard."

By the year of any purchases that may be made, either kind, and that are beyond your own purse, you may acquire him through the secretary of state.

Soon the king's agents were scouring the world for new treasures. As they foraged through the British Empire, George thought about acquiring a wife.

In 1761, he asked for a review of all eligible German Protestants. "To save a great deal of trouble," he wrote, "I must be doing a little something right," the mayor said recently.

A Year Ago

A year ago last month, Mr. Soglin, who had already spent five years as a member of the Madison City Council while completing a law course at the University of Wisconsin, put together a coalition of newly enfranchised students, labor groups and the city's old McGovern Democrats and edged out William Dyke, the two-term conservative incumbent.

Today, all shades of the political spectrum have found something about which to complain.

But the right, the middle and the left agree that he has done no irreparable damage to Madison.

And they all agree that Mr. Soglin has managed to carry the politically mixed 22-member City Council with him in such accomplishments as expanding Madison's bus service, starting work on a shopping mall on State Street and a new concourse around the

state capitol, finding \$30,000 in city funds to start a day-care center program, and organizing student vigilantes to help crack down on the owners of the decaying houses in which many university students live.

One of Mr. Soglin's recurring headaches is his stubborn defense of police chief David Couper, a Dyke administration holdover whose informal approach to police administration has brought continued criticism from traditionalists on the force.

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George III

considered remarkable for their plainness. In fact, rather than elegant than profusely ornamental.

In music, George III's taste was equally conservative, preferring the work of such composers as Palestrina, Scarlatti, Lully, Steffani and above all Handel who received the patronage of George I. Handel, in return for royal patronage, gifted George III his autograph manuscript, now bound in 97 volumes.

Both George III and Queen Charlotte encouraged inventors, from lamp and button-makers to designers of improved snuff boxes, of which the queen had great use. The king collected telescopes.

Though he liked to live simply, almost austere, George permitted his wife to indulge her own more exotic tastes. The king spent money lavishly on her, though he had not much time for fads and fashions, being apt to despise "what I am not accustomed to."

The exhibition, "George III, Collector and Patron," will continue into 1975 at the Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace.

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PEOPLE: 'Am I Rich Now?' The Ex-Hairdresser

"I keep saying, am I rich now?" It's weird. I don't feel it." This comes from ex-hairdresser Elaine Kay, 31, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., who this week married the 63-year-old heir to the A & P fortune, Huntington Hartford. She is his fourth wife. Asked why, after three divorces, he had chosen marriage again, Hartford had no time to answer—his wife did it for him "because he's in love." "That's a very good answer," said he. "And he's going to have fun," said she.

Mrs. Hartford recalled their meeting in the Bahamas: "I was looking for romance and to behold his just swept me off my feet. He turned out to be really nice." She went on to tell Malcolm Carter of the Associated Press that she came from the "wrong side of the tracks," that her father was a "retired gambler" and that her mother was a medical laboratory technician. The Hartfords are honeymooning in New York where they were married Tuesday.

Former Hollywood screenwriter Jesse Lasky, 64, who wrote screenplays for "The Godfather" and "The Ex-Hairdresser," told the press that he was broke because he had lost his first wife's Las Vegas marriage to actress Drake. He was making \$25,000 a year, she says, he is lucky to do a week. At the time of his divorce, he agreed to pay her \$1,000 a month. "I was broke then," he said. "I was never married again."

Lives in London now with wife and stepson and "a living. It isn't much. I compare to Hollywood couldn't go back there, I was in the difference between wood and reality is the films had happy ending."

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